

SERMON NOTES

Date: May 9, 2021

Series: Judges

Title: From “My Way” to Misery

Text: Judges 1:1-2:5

Big Idea: Though Israel entered the land with a dependent heart of devotion to the Lord, their delayed obedience led to divine chastisement.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

How did Israel show their dependence on God at first?

What contributed to the people's failure to drive out the inhabitants of the Land as the Lord commanded?

How does God display both his hatred of sin and his love for sinners?

The people "wept" in response to the angel of the Lord's confrontation. Is this an indication of genuine repentance? What else would God want to see?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Are you enjoying some level of success in your life? How can you remain wholly devoted to God and dependent on him for each new success?

In what ways are you tempted to display half-hearted or delayed obedience to God?

Is there a situation in your life where you are saying, "I can't" to the Lord when really, you're saying "I won't"? What steps do you need to take to start saying to him, "I will."

How does God's commitment to both deal with your sin justly and forgive it graciously encourage you to live a life of devoted obedience to him?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Read Judges 2:6-3:6 in preparation for next Sunday.