

## The Disregard for Absolute Truth — Compromise Leads to Idolatry

The book of Judges is divided into 2 parts:

- Judges 1-16 is chronology
- Judges 17-21 examples biographical

**Judges 17:1-6** “There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. And he said to his mother, “The 1,100 pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it.” And his mother said, “Blessed be my son by the Lord.” And he restored the 1,100 pieces of silver to his mother. And his mother said, “I dedicate the silver to the Lord from my hand for my son, to make a carved image and a metal image. Now therefore I will restore it to you.” So when he restored the money to his mother, his mother took 200 pieces of silver and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into a carved image and a metal image. And it was in the house of Micah. And the man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and household gods, and ordained one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

**Deuteronomy 32:16–17 ESV** “They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations they provoked him to anger. They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded.”

- ▶ This passage associates pagan gods with “demons” and warns God’s people not to be involved with idolatry.

**Pagan gods:**

- Baal = hedonism, pleasure, materialism
- Ashtar = transgenderism
- Molek = abortion



**When truth is compromised:**

1. Corruption in the nation
2. Confusion in the home.
3. Chaos in the heart.

- ▶ “Satan is not fighting churches, he’s joining them.” — Vance Havner
- ▶ Fraternity will almost always overcome theology.

**Matthew 10:34-39** “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

**2 Timothy 4:3-5** “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

