

## Judges 2 Their Own Doings

## 12/708 - The Exchange

- I. What and who it is they are going to turn their back on
  - A. Ex. 19:3-6 a special treasure to Me above all people God wants them to know Him
  - B. Lev. 26:3-13 God will be the one to bring fruitfulness, security, intimacy/devotion
  - C. Deut. 30:11-20 Can you hear the heart, the love? Not threats of wrath, vengeance, or judgement, but consequences and discipline.
  - D. With all of that heart, faithfulness, and power behind the people, let's see what they do with it.
- II. 2:1-6
  - A. 2:1
    1. The Angel of the Lord?
    2. Significance of Gilgal.
    3. God will come and find us, even in our disobedience, especially in our disobedience, when we need Him most.
    4. Gen. 15:12-21 Unconditional.
    5. Conditional vs. unconditional covenants. God keeps both.
    6. True of his promises to us Gentile believers through Jesus.
  - B. 2:2-3
    1. No room for compromise. Compromise leads to corruption.
    2. Can you hear God's broken heart? "Why didn't you listen to me?" Not just the word, the "person" behind the word.
    3. 1 Sam. 8:1-8 they have rejected Me. God feels, He is effected by our actions and choices.
  - C. 2:4-6 The people genuinely repented, made sacrifices to the Lord, and possessed what they had taken, even though it was incomplete. The Judges shuffle in action.
- III. 2:7-10
  - A. 2:7 What God had done for them in the wilderness and in the taking of the land. Manna everyday, quail, water from a rock, pillar of fire and cloud, stopping the Jordan at flood stage, Jericho, battles they won but shouldn't have.
  - B. 2:8-9 Death and burial of Joshua.
  - C. 2:10 In contrast to those in v. 7. Not head knowledge, experience.
    1. Why hadn't they experienced Him? Because they never obeyed or put their faith in Him. 2nd generation syndrome.
    2. Built-in assumption; God is real. That is true whether we believe in Him or not.
      - a) Coexist sticker. (slide) They can all be true because none of them are true. Don't take them too seriously. Buffet.
      - b) Your truth + my truth = no truth at all. Either one of these is true, or none of them are true.
- IV. 2:11-15
  - A. 2:11-13 They knew God was real, the one true God, but decided to go the way of the world anyway.
    1. Baals - lords, masters, gods and the idols that represent them
    2. Ashtoreths - goddess of fertility, sex, war.

3. Who was their Lord, Master, God, and all sufficiency? Who would bring fruitfulness of land, children? Who would be their security?
  4. Any belief system is a substitute for the real thing. Meets the same God-wired need, leads to wrong end.
- B. 2:14-15
1. Again, God is faithful. How could he do otherwise?
  2. Ultimately this is done out of love. Proverbs. 3:11-12.
  3. Distressed was the desired result.
- V. 2:16-23
- A. 2:16-19
1. Pity, anger, all in response to what the people do. God isn't only the author of the story, he participates.
  2. The issue isn't the particular sin, the issue is the authority of the word of God.
  3. "The Diana Bible" story. Not much has changed.
- B. 2:20-23 God gives us exactly what we ask for.
- VI. No Turning Back
- A. Freedom is the ability to choose who you are going to serve.
  - B. Joshua's challenge - chose you this day whom you will serve.
  - C. Jesus' challenge - no one can serve two masters.
  - D. The world is calling. God is calling. Who are you going to answer?