

Judges 3:7-31 More than meets the eye

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I. Review. Judges shuffle

II. 3:7-11 Othniel

A. 3:7 Sin

1. sight of the Lord - God watches. Not to catch, but to care
2. forgot the Lord their God - This is where sin begins. Not "oops", deliberately. Rom. 1:20-21
3. Review Baals and Asherahs. Both the gods and the idols.

B. 3:8 Servitude

1. When we reject the Lord He gives us exactly what we want. Rom. 1:22-32.
2. Outside of Jesus we are slaves of Sin. John 8:34, Rom. 6:16-22.
3. The goal and the result is a reminder of our need for the Lord. Romans 2:4.

C. 3:9 Supplication

1. cried out
 - a) Begins with a recognition that we are in trouble and need help.
 - b) What did it sound like? What did they say? Something like Numbers 21:7?
 - c) Felt need (anesthetic/emotional) vs. actual need (heart transplant/nature). Our real need is for someone to do something we cannot. Romans 8:1-4.
2. raised up - caused to rise. Intentional. Who did the raising? When? While the servitude was happening.
3. deliverer - savior, avenger, similar to Joshua, Jesus.

D. 3:10-11 Salvation

1. 3:10
 - a) Salvation is an act of God done in advance of man's recognition of his need. How cool of God?
 - b) Spirit of the Lord came upon Him
 - (1) The Holy Spirit is the interface between God and man that brings about restoration, redemption, regeneration.
 - (2) Not his celebrity, not his charisma. Nothing wrong with those, those are gifts from Go too. Not the man, the Spirit upon the man.
2. 3:11 There is a connection here. Even though the Lord did the work through the man, when the man dies along with that generation, the people forget and move on.
3. Every generation needs to be a first generation. 1st gen lives it. 2nd rides the wake. 3rd is nostalgic about it.