



# SERMON NOTES

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## **“Doing What is Right in Our Own Eyes: Lessons from the Judges”**

### **1. The biggest problem in any culture is not pagans acting like pagans. It is God's people acting like pagans.**

- A. Money is more important than principle. (Judges 1:27-35)
- B. Men failing to lead spiritually (Judges 4:8-10; 6:11-12)
- C. Excuses are more common than obedience. (Judges 6:13-16)
- D. Suspicion and bitterness characterize relationships. (Judges 8:1-2; 9)
- E. A determination to go one's own way, knowing that it is not God's way (Judges 18:1, 7-10)
- F. Sexual desire overcomes spiritual desire. (Judges 14:1-3; 16:1-4)
- G. Bizarre behavior leads to destruction. (Judges 19:20-30; 20:35, 44, 45)

**2. Disobedience brings defeat. Revival and salvation become ends in themselves rather than seeking to be worshipers of the true King. (Judges 2:10-19; 21:25)**

## **Table Talk**

- 1) How did money become more important than principle in the days of the Judges? What are some common compromises today? (Judges 1:27-35)
- 2) Why are men hesitant to lead spiritually? Why are excuses for disobedience more common than obedience? (Judges 4:8-10; 6:11-16)
- 3) Where do you see suspicion and bitterness in relationships today? (Judges 8:1-2; 9) What did the tribe of Dan do to show its determination to go its own way? (Judges 18:1, 7-10) How did that work out for them?
- 4) How does Samson reveal the trouble that comes from worshiping what our eyes see? Why is that more than a problem of sexual desire? (Judges 14:1-3; 16:1-4)
- 5) What is the result of failure to worship God as king? (Judges 19-21) How are these bizarre events tied to Judges 21:25? How is Judges 21:25 a summary statement of the whole book? What can believers do today to avoid the call to live like pagans?
- 6) Why is the cycle of defeat, repentance, and restoration such a sad cycle? Why is that cycle an easy trap? What can each of us do to avoid that trap? (Judges 2:10-19)