



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, September 8, 2024

Judges 1:1-36 – After Joshua

The book of Judges begins where the book of Joshua leaves off. At the end of his life, Joshua's explicit charge to the children of Israel was to throw away the foreign gods among them and yield their hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel. But the children of Israel repeatedly forsook the Lord and served foreign gods, resulting in a cycle of judgment, repentance, temporary change, and then renewed rebellion against the Lord.

God punished the Canaanites for their sin.

God warned the Israelites of the Canaanites' sin.

God punished the Israelites for their sin.

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by displacing sin from our lives.

Since you are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, may you throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. May you run with perseverance the race marked out for you, fixing your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. May you consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Discussion Questions:

- How did the book of Joshua end? What was Joshua's charge to the children of Israel before he died? How did the children of Israel respond to Joshua's charge?
- What was the covenant promise God made to Abram in Genesis 15:12-21?
- According to Leviticus 18:1-5, what did God command the children of Israel to do?
- Why did God command the Israelites to "totally destroy" the Canaanites? How should we understand Deuteronomy 7:1-2, 12:29-31, and 20:16-18?
- In Joshua 23:12-13, what did God warn the children of Israel would happen if they associated with the Canaanites?
- How can you displace sin in your life?