

God Raised Up A Deliverer

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Judges 3:7-11

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Background

- 1st generation was faithful, but failed to teach next generation
- Israel began to do what was right in their own eyes, God gave them over...

Lessons we Learn

- We need to obey God when surrounded by unbelievers, not do what is right in our own eyes.
- Levites failed to teach blessings & curses of covenant; today many churches fail to teach the law and Gospel - the Great Exchange!
- The solutions are spiritual not political or social or economic

Oppression, Crying Out, Deliverance

- God keeps His Covenants
 - His people subject to blessings & curses of the Covenant Dt 27
 - While God gives over... invader; God shows mercy-Othniel
 - God uses a faithful man who has proven himself - Jdg 1:8-15
 - Bare bones account: 1st of many judges... cycles deeper each time
 - God gave 40 years of peace - this generation failed again to teach the next generation!
 - Cycle repeats Jdgs 3:12

Specific Lessons from Othniel

- God will use means to discipline His people
- Not all hardship is God's discipline 1 Pt 4:1-2;13
- God used pagan army to keep His people from destroying themselves by disobedience Rm 8:28-29
- God was gracious not because His people deserved favor, but because God is gracious and faithful
- Never, Ever Forget the Ultimate Judge (deliverer)
 - Othniel was merely a deliverer, God promised to send a better Savior and has done that Lk 2:11
 - We have need for continual spiritual renewal in our lives and God sent the Spirit to make that possible! Jn 14:26
 - Remember Jesus is our ultimate Judge & Deliverer!

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