

Forgetting our Gracious Covenant God

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Judges 17:1-6

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Remember Israel's History

- Patriarchal period - Abraham > Jacob; 430 yrs in Egypt
- Exodus & Conquest - God sent deliverer Moses to take people from bondage to Sinai to worship & then to land

God deals with His Covenant People

- God chose to love & bless for His own reasons^{Dt7:7-11}
- God's people experience great blessing if they trust & obey God as people of the covenant^{Dt 7:11-26}
- God faithfully kept His promises: end of Joshua 12:24
- God promised to drive out remaining enemies if people walked in faith Joshua 24:14-18
- Warning for following other gods Joshua 24:19-20
- History shows man's sin & God's faithfulness
 - God delivered out Egypt^{Ex14} 3 days people grumble^{Ex15}
 - God calls to worship, give law^{Ex20} but people make calf^{Ex32}
 - God brought to promise land^{Num14:7-9} but people listen to lies^{Num14:10-11} and God judges generation^{Num14:21-24}

Book of Judges

- People did not drive out... Jdgs 1:19,21,27,29,30,31,33
- God promised^{Dt7:22} just trust & obey he would clear away...
- Israel chose to intermingle & listen to the world
- God used Egypt who shunned shepherds to grow his people
- How are we like Israel? Refusing to separate from world? Letting world influence us more than Word of God?

Story of Micah & his family

- End of Judges is showing us apostasy!
- Mom curses thief, son confesses & gets mom's blessing
- 7 of 10 commands broken in story (all but 4,6,7)
- Showing us they did not revere God's law
- They worshipped in place other than where God commanded
- They worshipped using idols which God forbid
- We don't worship using idols because they limit our view of the One True God

Apply:

- I can't accept a god who does or says this...
- We suppress God's character in our lives (forgiveness, grace)
- We subjectivize morality - ignore Word, I feel God wants...
- Trust and Obey God's Word - not your feelings or what the culture around you tells you about God.
- Remember that God alone has provided salvation through Jesus Christ - rest in Him!

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