

MERCY AND DISOBEDIENCE, LIVING IT OUT, MODERN IDOLS

Old Testament Unit - Mercy In The Midst of Disobedience - *The Downward Spiral* - June 4, 2017

Text: Judges 2:1-23

Intro: The Israelites failed to fully obey God's commands, which led to _____.

We need to be conscience of our tendency toward D_____ & keep our focus on _____!

Read Judges 1. In this chapter, we see the first signs of trouble within the Jewish nation. What are those signs? What lessons can we learn from this to help us today? (What does this tell us about the Lord's work? What does this tell us about God's people? Have we changed much since then?)

I. Judges 2:1-5 Israel's Disobedience

1. 2:1-2 - What does the angel of the Lord tell the Israelites?
2. 2:3 - What would happen as a result of their disobedience?
3. What was the reaction of the people?

II. Judges 2:6-10 The Death of Joshua

1. 2:6-10a - What two significant events happened to the Israelites in these verses?

1. _____ 2. _____

2. 2:10b - As a result, we see a generation that _____!

Are there any lessons in this for us today?

III. Judges 2:11-18 The Israelites Unfaithfulness and The Lord's Anger

1. 2:11-13 - What kind of behavior do we see in the Israelites?

* We see the L_____ of idolatry and the lapse of historical M_____!

2. The character of God:

a. 2:14-15 - We see the _____ of God! What did God do? What was the result?

b. 2:16 - We see the G_____ of God! What did God do?

c. 2:17 - We see the P_____ of God!

d. 2:18 - We also see the P_____ of God!

III. Judges 2:19-23 - The Cycle of the Judges

1. Throughout the period of the judges, we see the following cycle:

P_____!

A_____ or F_____ A_____!

R_____!

D_____!

P_____!

2. What was the work of the judges in the:

Spiritual realm?

Judicial Realm?

Military Realm?

Text for 6/11/17: Judges 4:1-16 *Trust and Obey*