

Judges 2:6-8

When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110 years.

Judges 2:9-10

And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

Judges 2:11-13

And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth.

Judges 2:14-15

So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

Judges 2:16-17

Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so.

Judges 2:18-19

Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Judges 2:20-23

So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he said, “Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their fathers and have not obeyed my voice, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the LORD as their fathers did, or not.” So the LORD left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 3:1-3

Now these are the nations that the LORD left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan. It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before. These are the nations: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath.

Judges 3:4-6

They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. So the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And their daughters they took to themselves for wives, and their own daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their gods.

1 John 5:21

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

“For every one look we take at ourselves, we must take ten looks to Christ.”

- Robert Murray McCheyne

Judges 2:7

And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10

And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

Judges 2:12a, 17b, 20

And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt...

They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so...

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Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.

- Robert Robinson

Judges 2:15

Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

Deuteronomy 28:20

The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me.

Judges 2:19

But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Judges 2:17

Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so.

“From this point on [Exodus 6] the name YHWH is the description and guarantee of the fact that God is and remains the God of his people, unchanging in his grace and faithfulness...Now God says: “I am who I am, YHWH, the unchangingly faithful One, the God of the fathers, your God even now and forever.”

- Herman Bavinck

Judges 2:20-22

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1 Peter 1:7

These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Judges 3:5-6

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Jeremiah 2:5-13

Thus says the LORD:

“What wrong did your fathers find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthlessness, and became
worthless?

They did not say, ‘Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and
pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that none passes through,
where no man dwells?’

Jeremiah 2:5-13

And I brought you into a plentiful land
to enjoy its fruits and its good things.

But when you came in, you defiled my land
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, ‘Where is the LORD?’

Those who handle the law did not know me;
the shepherds transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal
and went after things that do not profit.

Jeremiah 2:5-13

For cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see,
or send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for that which does not profit.

Jeremiah 2:5-13

Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living
waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

“Our God and Heavenly Father, we confess to you that our hearts are quick to wander and worship worthless idols rather than you, who are above all. There is no flaw or wrong in you, Lord, yet even so, we abandon you and cling to that which is wrong. You have proven yourself to us again and again but we are slow to trust you and your goodness to us. We, like those before us, have forsaken you – our Lord – and have exchanged your glory for that which is worthless and cannot satisfy us nor save us.

Forgive us Lord, for our inordinate and idolatrous love of wealth, pleasure, comfort, security, and approval instead of you. We have forsaken you, the fountain of living water, and have turned to that which will never satisfy our thirst. We deserve to have your wrath poured out upon us because of our sin and rebellion.

But thanks be to you, Lord Jesus, for you have carried the wrath of God in our place.

We thank you that you never abandoned or forsook the glory of God and you have imputed that perfect life to us so that we may approach the Father with freedom and confidence. We pray, Holy Spirit, that you would open our eyes afresh to the glory of God; cause us to be so overwhelmed by the majesty of the Lord that we turn from and forsake those sins which we once entertained.”

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

John 17:24-25

Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Philippians 3:7-9

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ, and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

Philippians 3:10-11

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow to attain to the resurrection from the dead.