

Evil in the sight of the Lord  
Judges 2:11-23  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about faithfulness from God's use of judges.

### Introduction

#### I. What they did. (Judges 2:11-13)

- A. They forsook God
  - 1. What it means to forsake God - to leave, loose, forsake
  - 2. They left God behind. They abandoned Him (**Judges 2:12a**)
- B. How did they forsake God?
  - 1. Going after false gods (**Judges 2:11-12a**)
  - 2. They provoked God to anger by their disobedience and abandonment (**v.12b-13**)
  - 3. God summarizes all these actions in verse 11 (**Judges 2:11a**)

#### II. God's Response (Judges 2:14-17)

- A. God became angry (**Judges 2:14-15**)
  - 1. Their actions drove Him to anger.
  - 2. In His anger He punishes them in multiple ways.
  - 3. God turned nations against them, wherever they went God was against them.
    - i. There was no where to hide from the punishment of God.
- B. God brought in judges (Judges 2:16-17)
  - 1. God provided a way for them to return (**Judges 2:16**)
  - 2. However the people did not listen to the delivers sent by God (**Judges 2:17**)
    - i. They refused to follow are the wise who went before them (v.17b)

#### III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Faithfulness is a long-term commitment (Judges 2:18-19)
  - 1. They people were only faithful briefly (v.18)
  - 2. They returned to evil; they became even worse than before! (v.19)
- B. God is not fooled by flimsy faith (Judges 2:20-23)
  - 1. The reason for God's proclamation against them (v.20)
  - 2. God would test them and punish them (v.21-23)

#### Application & Conclusion:

- 1. God demands true, honest, and sincere faithfulness & loyalty to Him.
- 2. Failure to be faithful to God will only end in punishment and eventual separation from God.
- 3. Full Invitation

#### Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent –Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9