

THE TRUE KING REIGNS *Pt. 3*

The Grace of God on the Road to Perdition

Judges 3:1-31 | Pastor Adam | April 26, 2020

I. An Inquiry into Israel's Foolishness (Jud. 3:1-6).

II. An Insight into God's Faithfulness (Jud. 3:7-11).

III. An Inception of Fraudulence (Jud. 3:12-30).

IV. Salvation is External (Jud 3:31)

Discuss these questions with your Community Group

1. What did you learn today from God's word? How will you apply it in your life? What questions do you have?
2. Under the first point, the preacher explored the reasons why God was testing Israel. What were some of those reasons? Why, if God clearly communicated to Israel these reasons, did they still fail the test so miserably? What can we learn about the nature of sin from Israel's example?
3. In Judges 3:9 and 3:15 we read that Israel "cried to the Lord." Nowhere though in Judges do we read that the people repent. The closes Israel gets to repentance is seen in Judges 10:10-16. Even there though, they are concerned more about experiencing alleviation from the effects of their sin than anything else. Why is distress not the same as repentance? Read Psalm 51 and 2 Corinthians 7:9-11. What does true repentance involve?
4. One of the themes of the book of Judges is the moral and spiritual bankruptcy of the leaders of Israel. What are some reasons why we should read Ehud (Jud. 3:12-30) negatively? Judges 3 contrasts a self-dependent character (Ehud) against two who are described simply as vessels of God's deliverance (Othniel & Shamgar). The idea being that God is not impressed with Ehud's, nor Israel's nor anybody's, self-reliance. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and James 4:6-10. Why is God's method of saving sinners foolishness to the world? Why is salvation external (from God) and not internal (from us)? If Israel grasped that, what would they have done differently? How does this truth change our own spiritual disposition before God?