

JUDGED

DISOBEDIENCE AND DELIVERANCE
IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES



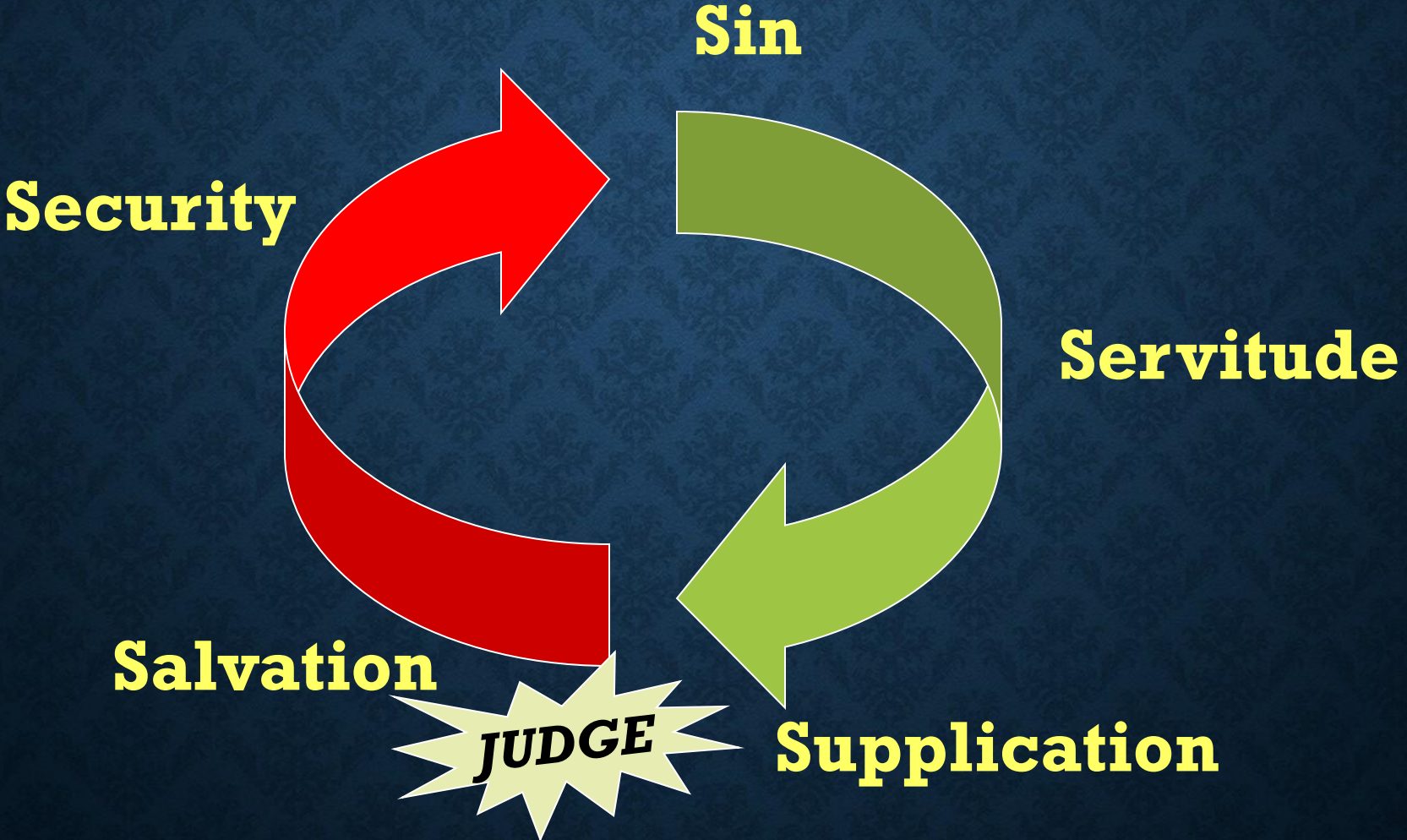
SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

OUR SCHEDULE

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May 10	1	Introduction & Othniel	1-2
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June 21	7	The Rest	17-21

Learning about Jesus in the Judges

MAIN PICTURE: THE CYCLE (SPIRAL)



JUDGES AS PICTURES OF A SAVIOR

Judge	Upside Down Story	Picture
Othniel	Temporary	Deliverance
Ehud	Unexpected Means	Left-handed power
Deborah/Barak	Unwilling	Seemingly insignificant
Gideon	Uncertain	Small overcomes huge
(Abimelech)	(yech)	(and people are lost)
Jephthah	Banditry & a wrong vow	Death for an offspring
Samson	Yeah. Whatever this is.	One death for many

Structure of Judges

a. Othniel

b. Ehud

(Shamgar)

Good

c. Deborah/Barak

d. Gideon

(Hinge)

c'. [Abimelech]

(Tola, Jair)

Bad

b'. Jephthah

(Izban, Elon, Abdon)

a'. Samson

.. then horror

A TALE OF PRIEST AND PEOPLE (17-18)

Micah

“who is like yahwah” to...

Thief, idolator

Good?

The Levite

Of Bethlehem

Hires himself out

Ordained by Micah

Good?

17:6

17:18

Danites

Don't like God's gift, get different

Ask the priest for guidance

Let's go kill unsuspecting Laish

But take the Levite & idols first??

“God will be with us”
We've got... v.30!

“So they set up Micah's carved image that he made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh” (18:31)

A TALE OF PRIEST AND PEOPLE, II (19-20)

In Bethlehem (1-11)

Unfaithful concubine

Win her back!

A delay, good times

At Gibeah

Not those Jebusites (Jerusalem)!

Hospitable Old Man?

Worthless fellows – here, take..

...scene to remember (27-28)

What does the Levite do?

“In those days,
when there was
no king in
Israel...”

The result

Women put out to be abused

Concubine violated

Levite chops her into pieces

All Israel rises

“What evil is this that has taken place among you?” (20:23)

WHAT EVIL, EXACTLY?

“What evil is this that has taken place among you?” (20:23)

Sordid Affair
Unfaithful concubine (why Levite chasing her, too)?
Making merry and not getting home
Old Man not warning but putting women at risk
Men violating concubine
Concubine getting cut in pieces
Civil war



CLEANING UP A MESS (CH. 21)

Morality & Reason, that's the answer, right?

A few questions for us

Israel is in the right, right? So... why is God having THOUSANDS DIE? (20:18-26)

If they do it all but God says "I'm doing it," who is right? (20:27-30, 47-48)

There's problems we can just handle, right? (21:1-7)

How did their efforts at setting it right work out?

Kill those who didn't help
and give their wives away.

Make a snazzy plan where
women can be kidnapped
when they come to
worship God

WHAT'S THE POINT?

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (21:25)

... And this results in horror.

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?

An unfaithful people

A God who sends deliverers

The deliverers themselves are unfaithful

The priesthood is corrupted

Who will save us from this
body of sin and death?

A FOREVER DELIVERER
SAVIOR. PRIEST. KING.
JESUS

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**We need a final, once-for all priest-king deliverer
His righteousness NOT OURS**