

Sermon Notes

American Idols

A. The Repeating Cycle In The Book of Judges (Judges 2:6-3:6)

1. Idolatry (Judges 2:11-13)
2. Bondage (Judges 2:14)
3. Misery And Distress (Judges 2:15)
4. God Sends A Deliverer (Judges 2:16)
5. Israel Returns To Idolatry Once The Deliverer Dies (Judges 2:17-19)
6. Continuing Bondage (Judges 2:20-3:6)

B. Lessons For Us From The Strange Tales of Judges

1. Idolatry is at the root of all our sins.

For Further Thought And Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What mistake do you seem to keep repeating? Why?

Going Deeper

1. Please read Judges 2:6-3:6. Why do you think the generation following Joshua's generation didn't know the Lord? Please read Deut. 6:4-9. Who is responsible to pass on the faith from one generation to another? What do you notice about the way the faith is passed on?
2. Describe the recurring cycle in the book of Judges described in 2:6-3:6. Can you see this cycle in your own experience?
3. What is idolatry? Why is it at the root of all sin? (See Romans 1:18-23) Why is our root problem theological rather than behavioral?
4. Why does idolatry lead to bondage? (See Romans 1:24-32) What does this imply about the treatment of addictions?
5. According to Judges 2:20-3:6, why are our enemies actually