



Distorted Worship

JUDGES 17-18

"In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 17:6, ESV)

Summary

Judges 17–18 paints a disturbing picture of a society without God as King. Everyone does what is right in their own eyes, and the result is distorted worship—religion that appears spiritual but is self-centered and empty.

The characters in this story all demonstrate how easily people redefine God, manipulate religion, and pursue personal gain. Yet, true worship—centered on God’s truth—remains constant and available.

Review the Sermon

Read Judges 17-18.

Why is the phrase “everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (17:6) depicted as a negative?

Why are images of God so damaging and a distortion of true worship?

What was the ultimate outcome of Micah’s false religion?

Assess your Life

Where are you tempted to use God for your own benefit rather than surrender to Him?



What areas of your life would you prefer to hear affirmation over truth? Why?

Which attributes of God do you tend to emphasize or minimize?

Apply the Truth

What needs to change for true worship to happen in your daily life this week?

What is one way you can intentionally seek truth over affirmation?

How can you grow in your understanding of God as He truly is?

Commit this Week

Will you commit this week to pursuing daily worship that is rooted in truth rather than personal preference?

When things go south, worship gets distorted—but God's truth and God's way remain constant.