

“Forgetful Followers in a Pagan Culture”

Judges 2:1-5 / Sunday, May 24, 2015



Introduction: Joshua 1:5-7; Judges 1:19

- There was a _____ of the Northern Tribes to carry out their mission.
- Israel chose to accept _____ in the short term over spiritual success with long-term benefits.

I. God’s Faithfulness Demands _____ (vv. 1-2a).

- **Additional Scriptures:** Exodus 23:32-33

- A. God demands wholehearted _____.
- B. God demands wholehearted _____.



II. _____ Followers Are Simply _____ (v. 2b).

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- **Additional Scriptures:** Exodus 23:32-33; 23:30-31

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III. Disobedient Rebels Will Face _____ . (v. 3-5)

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A. _____ rather than God’s _____. “they shall become thorns in your sides” (3b)

- **Additional Scriptures:** Judges 2:11-13; 19; 3:5-6; 2 Cor. 6:14; 1 Cor. 15:33; Proverbs 13:20

B. _____ rather than God’s _____. “their gods shall be a snare to you.” (3c)

C. _____ rather than _____. “the people lifted up their voices and wept.” (4)

- **Additional Scriptures:** 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

D. _____ rather than _____. (5)

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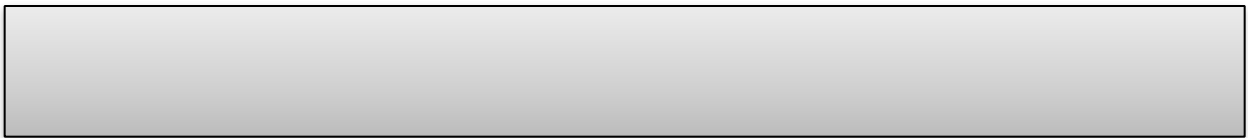


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 - B. God demands wholehearted **worship.**



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- B. **Deadly traps** rather than God's **protection.** *“their gods shall be a snare to you.” (3c)*
- C. **Weeping** rather than **Repenting.** *“the people lifted up their voices and wept.”*
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- D. **Appeasing** rather than **Pleasing.**
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