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**Series:** Judges: Mankind Exposed  
**Title:** At What Price?  
**Text:** Judges 17



**Introduction:** Overview/review of Judges

*judge* = one who administers justice, rule.  
*deliverer* = one who rescues, who saves.

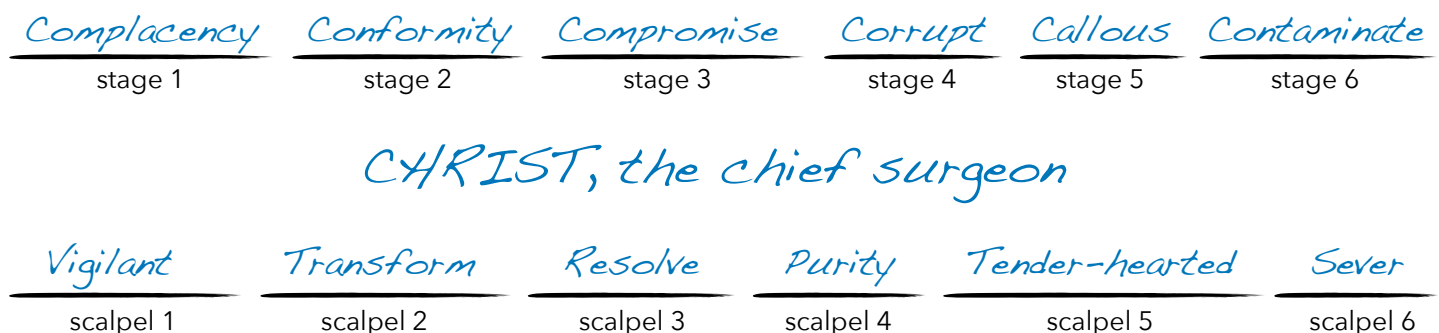
Key verse(s): 17:6 > 2:16, 3:9



**1. Sorrow of Syncretism:** Judges 17:1-13, 8:1-6, 13-27a, 30-31

*Syncretism* = attempt to combine or unite different religions, culture, or schools of thought.  
Sun- 'together' + krēs 'Cretan' (Titus 1:12-16)

**2. Stages of Sin:** James 1:13-15, Ephesians 4:17-5:2



**3. What Drives Sin?** James 1:13-15, Proverbs 12:15, 14:12 & 16: 25, 20:9, 21:2, Psalm 19:12-14

We do what we do, because we want what we want .

We want what we want, because of what reigns / rules our heart .

Our hearts are ruled by what it is rooted in.

Ezekiel 36:22 \*(26) - 38

**4. Price vs. Cost** Psalm 49:5-9, Proverbs 10:20, 11:4–7, 28-29, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:4-11

a. Subjective Price  
(Fair market value, the going rate)

b. Objective Cost  
(Cost to produce, fixed expenses)

*“Everybody has a price.”*

One's desire determines what they're willing to pay—but not what it will cost in the end.

	desire	price	cost
Micah's Mom:	<u>family peace</u>	<u>200 shekels</u>	<u>her son</u>
Micah:	<u>own religion</u>	<u>10 shekels/suit</u>	<u>Everything</u>
the Levite:	<u>security/status</u>	<u>Unfaithfulness</u>	<u>Serving God</u>
tribe of Dan:	<u>Easy settlement</u>	<u>Isolation</u>	<u>Insignificance</u>
<u>Jesus</u>	<u>People for himself</u>	<u>His precious blood</u>	<u>Rejection &amp; Ridicule</u>

**5. At What Price?** 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, Matthew 13:44-45

*“May the Lamb that was slain receive the full reward for His sufferings!”*

- John Leonard Dober & David Nitschman,  
Moravian missionaries, circa 1730s