

**Date:** August 10, 2025  
**Series:** Judges: Mankind Exposed  
**Title:** A Miraculous Ending to the Book  
**Text:** Judges 21



### Review/Summary:

Began on: 02.02.25 : 20 Chapters, 12 Judges, 300 Years.

*Summary of Judges:* Despite mankind's relentless sin, God graciously sent one human rescuer after another, to foreshadow the perfect, promised Savior.

### I. Multicolored Actions:

*"So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."* - James 4:17

Human acts involve multiple factors:

The right action (what) + at the right time (when) + in the right way (how) + for the right reason (why)

With 16 various combinations, the possibility of our behavior being done without sin, statistically is 6.25 %.

*"For we all stumble in many ways."* - James 3:2

We need a lot of grace and understanding when dealing with other's sins.

### II. Pragmatism vs. Piety: Judges 21

pragmatism = if it works, it must be right.

piety = devotion to pure and undefiled religion. (James 1:27)

religion = the union of the soul of man with God.

<sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. <sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, <sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. - Jeremiah 2:11-13

### III. When Dealing with Sin...

- 1.) be Severe and be Specific . (1-5) - 1 Cor. 5:4-5
- 2.) Search the Scriptures . (6-7, 16-18) - 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- 3.) be Steadfast until godly Sorrow is evident. (13) - 2 Cor. 7:7-13
- 4.) Stop Sinning ! (5, 8-12, 19-23) - 1 Cor. 15:33-34

### IV. AND YET...

*"And the people of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance."* - **Judges 21:24**

- A.) King Saul , Jonathan , Mephibosheth .  
1 Samuel 9:1-2      1 Samuel 23:16      2 Samuel 9
- B.) Mordecai and Esther . - Esther 2:5-7, 4:13-14
- C.) Jeremiah , the prophet. - Jeremiah 1:1, (2:11-13)
- D.) Paul , the Apostle. - Philippians 3:3-10
- E.) The (your last name here) , are still here to THIS day!

### Examine Yourself: 2 Corinthians 13:5

- When it comes to doing right, where do I often focus: the act alone, and/or also the timing, the method, and my heart motive? Which factor(s) do I tend to leave out?
- In making spiritual and/or moral decisions, do I lean towards pragmatism or piety? What specific actions can I take to devote myself more towards God's union with me?
- When others (or I) sin, how can I show both "grace & understanding" with the person, while also remaining "severe & specific" towards the sin.
- What is God specifically calling me to do, "...for such a time as this?" God preserved me for a reason. How am I living with intentional drive to fulfill His purpose for my life?