

Judges 17-21 - Lesson 13 - What Is Right?

Right In Your Own Eyes	Right in God's Eyes	Those Who Are Willingly Deceived
<p>Micah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stole silver from his mother (17:2-3) - Superstition - heard the curse his mother made and returned the silver - He had a molten image (idol) made (4) - He had a shrine (5) - Makes an ephod and idols (5) - Consecrates his son to be a priest (5) - He had a self-made religion (Ex 20:4-5; Dt 5:6-10) - Thinks he is making God happy (Judges 17:13) <p>Levite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - family of Judah (Dt 18:6-7; Joshua 21:1-42) - Had no real purpose (17:7-9) - Micah hires him as his own personal priest (17:12) - Priest over the idols - refusing God's arrangements for his life (17:9) - He took a better job (18:19-20) <p>Danites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sought and inheritance because they had not received one (18:1) - Did not drive out the Amorites (Judges 1:34-36; 18:27) - Took idols, images, household gods, and his priest (18:18) - Made the Levite a priest - rejecting God rules and laws of worship (18:19-20) <p>Levite and concubine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Levite took a concubine who played the harlot (19:1-2) - Levite is talked into staying at her fathers for 5 days (4-8) - Raping the women was OK but homosexuality was wrong (19:22-24) - Cuts her into pieces and sends her to the tribes (19:29) 	<p>God's Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - don't steal (Ex 20:15) - No other gods before Me (Dt 5:7) - Worship at the tabernacle in Shiloh - God established the priesthood (Dt 18:5-7) <p>Levites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descendants of Levi - Primary responsibility - take care of the tabernacle and serve Aaron and the priests (Nu 1:47-54; 3:1-13) - Ark of the Covenant/tabernacle was at Shiloh (Joshua 18:1-10; I Sam 1:3, 24; 3:21; 4:3-11; Ps 78:56-64; Jer 7:12-14) - They were wholly given unto the Lord (Num 8:14-16) - Guard the book of the law (Dt 17:18) - Supported by the offerings of the people (Dt 18:1-5) - dependent on God alone - Were to be holy to the Lord (Nu 8:5-22) - Not to take a harlot - were to take a virgin as a wife (Lev 21:6-15; Dt 33:10; Ez 44:22-23) - Were to be teachers of the law in Israel (Dt 33:10; Mal 2:1-9) - They served as judges (Dt 17:8-9) 	<p>James 1:21-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - put aside wickedness - In humility receive the word <u>implanted</u> to save your souls - #G1721 - emphytos - rooted - word is sown into people's lives (Mt 13:1-8, 18-23) - Prove ourselves doers of the word and not hearers only - Hearers only <u>delude</u> themselves - #G3884 - paralogizomai - to reckon wrong, to deceive by false reckoning - person who knows God's word but hears and doesn't put the information next to God's word makes choices apart from God's Word <p>What happens when you take the word of God out of your worship?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superstition - Lack a spiritual standards - Leading the children to embrace idolatry - makes other things more important than God - Your faith becomes man-centered instead of God-centered - looking for somewhere where I can better myself - You go to man's answers instead of God's answers - You'll seek the easy way out - You will actually think that God is pleased or doesn't care about your actions (disobedience)