

Judges 3 - Lesson 6 - Idolatry - Loving the World

God's Feelings About Idolatry - Dt 13	No Godly Influence	Can Hardships teach Us?
<p>1-5 Love the Lord your God when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fear Him - Keep His commandments - Listen to His voice - Serve Him - Cling to Him - You shouldn't listen to the prophet who counsels you to go against God's Word - bringing about rebellion <p>6-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - secretly seduce you away from serving God - If those who are close to you are enticing you to follow other gods - you shall not yield to them, listen to them, nor pity them, nor conceal them - They need to be killed and purged for society <p>12-18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there is a city that has been polluted by idolatry - kill them all, burn the city - never inhabit it again, take all the booty and burn it <p>God hates idolatry - Ro 1:21-32</p>	<p>Judges 2:19-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - judge died - Turned back to their idolatry - Acted more corruptly - Followed other gods and served them - God's anger burned - They wouldn't listen to God - therefore He would no longer drive out the nations <p>Why were the enemies there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to test Israel - To see if they would listen to the Lord and walk in His ways <p>Their initial lack of faith and trust and incomplete obedience led to God not driving out their enemies</p> <p>There were trying times ahead</p> <p>God can use this as a teaching opportunity</p>	<p>Ro 8:16-18 - our glorification is tied into our suffering for Him now - this is our</p> <p>Ro 8:28-30 - God causes all things to work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose</p> <p>II Thes 1:3-12 - considered worthy of Christ because of our sufferings - Jesus will be glorified through you</p> <p>James 1:2-4 - trials produce endurance, perfect (completed), lacking for nothing</p> <p>I Pet 2:18-23; 3:14-17; 4:1-2, 13-19; 5:8-10</p>

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Testing - Proving	IN the World but not OF the World
<p>Judges 3:1-5 - testing to find out if the people would obey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ex 16:4 - manna to see if they would walk obediently - Ex 20:20 - learn to fear God and not sin - Dt 8:2, 16 - knowing what is in their heart - keep His commandments? - Mal 3:10 - test Me and bring the tithe into the storehouse - He 11:17 - Abraham being tested with Isaac <p>Test obedience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people needed to see their need for God/Savior - How truly wicked they were <p>Teach them War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they needed to know that they had enemies - Need to know the enemies - They need to know the weapons - Not by might, not by power but by the Spirit that we have victory - Total dependance on God 	<p>Jn 15:19 - we are in the world but not of the world therefore the world hates us</p> <p>Jn 17:14-17 - Jesus doesn't ask that God take His people out of the world, but to keep them in the world - sanctify them in truth</p> <p>I Jn 2:15, 19 - don't love the world and the things it offers Those who are truly God's will stay with those who are God's</p> <p>Ro 12:1-2 - don't be conformed to the world and its ways</p> <p>II Cor 6:14-17:1 - not being bound to an unbeliever (unequally yoked) - present tense Come out from the world and be separated There is not the same mindset, thoughts, plans - you can't work together</p> <p>I Cor 7:39 - death breaks the bonds of marriage (covenant)</p> <p>I Cor 5:9-13 - God doesn't call us to go out of the world - we are here for a purpose - we will encounter the unsaved - we are to love them, share the gospel with them, care for them BUT don't become part of them</p> <p>I Cor 15:33 - bad company corrupts good morals</p>