

The Return if the King

Judges 17-18

- Chapters 17-21 of the book of judges form what is essentially an _____.
- Chapters 17-18 describe their spiritual _____ and chapters 19-21 describe the _____ of the once great nation of Israel.
- There is a line that repeats in these five chapters and is, in fact, the very last sentence of the book: In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.
- How does that happen? How does Israel go from a passionate commitment in Joshua 24 to spiritual depravity?

Main Points: Descent into Spiritual Chaos

1. No _____
 - Micah and his _____
 - Are there times when we slavishly pursue the form of religion and forsake its function? Have we the appearance of godliness but deny its power?
2. No _____
 - the _____
 - We must be vigilant that our faith doesn't morph into sanctified superstition. Superstitions in the church include things like:
 - Musical instruments
 - Prayers
 - The version of the Bible we read from
3. No _____
 - the _____
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- When we lose touch with God's Word, we lose our spiritual and moral compass - _____

Conclusion

- The _____ of a king made it possible for people to become their own _____; they did what was right in their own eyes.
- The book of Judges sets up and anticipates the coming of the _____ king, but even in that, the people are called to embrace:
 - Have _____
 - Authentic _____, and
 - Live _____