

Reading: Judges 2:6-19

Cite: Judges 21:25

Three Vital Truths For A New Year

1. We are worse than we've imagined

The cycle in Judges:

- The people commit evil
- God allows them to be subjected by oppressors
- The people are sorry and cry out for deliverance
- God raises up a judge who defends the people as long as he lives

2. God is more loving and gracious than we've imagined

Cite: 13:1-2

Quote: "The love of God does not find but creates that which is pleasing to it...the love of God which lives in man loves sinners, evil persons, fools and weaklings in order to make them good, wise and strong. Rather than seeking it's good, the love of God flows forth and bestows good. Therefore sinners are attractive because they are loved, they are not loved because they are attractive." - Martin Luther

3. God's Great King Finally Solves Our Great Dilemma

Closing Exhortation:

1. Don't settle for behavior modification
2. Admire the one true King