

Judges Series

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**Consequences of Double-
Minded;
God's Irrepressible Grace
Judges 6:31–35**

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When Chaos Was King

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

and the

People

Chap. 19–21

vv. 25–26	Tear down (הָרַס) the altar of the Baal, And the Asherah which is beside it cut down, Take the finest bull and offer it as a whole burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you cut down.
v. 28	Behold the altar of the Baal was pulled down (נָתַץ), And the Asherah which was beside it was <u>cut down</u> , And the finest bull was offered as a whole burnt offering on the altar which had been built.
v. 30	Because he has pulled down (נָתַץ) the altar of the Baal, and because he has <u>cut down</u> the Asherah which was beside it. ^[1]

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Judg. 6:32, “Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, ‘Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar.’ ” ~NKJV

“Jerub-baal”

At first, it seems a complement, Gideon has contended with Ba'al and won.

Traditionally this has been translated, “Let Ba'al contend [against Gideon].”

This introduces the subtle irony of the passage. Who ultimately wins out: Gideon or Ba'al?

Jeruba'al is changed in 2 Sam. 11:21 to Jerubbasheth.

1 Chron. 8:33–39

Ishba'al, “man of Ba'al,” is changed to Ishbosheth (2 Sam. 2:8)

In 1 Chron. 8:34

Meriba'al is changed to Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 11:21)

Jerubbasheth means “Let shame contend”

Judg. 8:27, “Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house.”

Judg. 8:33, “So it was, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made Baal-Berith their god.”

Question: In light of what will happen, what do we learn about God?

“He Giveth More Grace”

**3. Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,
Our God ever yearns His resources to share;
Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing;
The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.**

Chorus:

**His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.**

You have heard it said ...

- **That God has a perfect will for every decision in our lives**
- **That we should live in the “center” of God’s will**
- **That God reveals to us precisely what this will is**
- **And that one of the keys to discerning this will is an inner state of peace or tranquility when that decision is made**

But I say to you ...

- **This is not biblical**
- **This is a form of mysticism**

The Doctrine of the Will of God

What the Bible Teaches About

Knowing God's Will for Your Life

