

Judges 17 – 18

{Use the following as a guide to discuss this as a group.}

Judges 17 Who did the mother consecrate the silver to, and what happened to the silver? Was it fully dedicated to God?

Which of the 10 commandments did the mother and the son break? (see Exodus 20:4 & 23)

Was Micah a thief because he turned people from worshipping God? Micah stole the money from his mother and returned it.

Did Micah cheat the Levite / Priest? (read the Deuteronomy 18:1-8).

What happened to Micah in the end? What was he left with and what does that teach us today if we abandon God for other things? Is there a warning for the church today to be weary of doing things that seem right in Gods name when it does not agree with the Word of God?

Judges 18 What resulted from the Danites rejecting their tribal allotment and coveting of land that was not given to them by God?

The Danites stole Micah's gods and hired his priest ... Micah's question in verse 24 "what do I have left?" demonstrates the tragedy of false religion and being without the true living God. How did Jacobs's prophecy about Dan come true in this passage of Judges? (read Genesis 49:16-17)

Reflection: Read John 14:6; Matthew 16:24; and Matthew 7:24-27

What do these passages teach about truth or ultimate reality?

As in these passages in Judges, in what areas are we tempted to seek direction or fulfilment outside of Yeshua? Outside the Word of God?

Are we hearing Gods word to obey it? Or are we hearing and not living it out?

Exodus 40 Communion Message – especially 16-38

Exodus 40 describes the completion of the Tabernacle and the moment when “*the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of YHVH filled the tabernacle*” (v.34). This is a powerful picture of God’s desire to dwell among His people.

In the context of the breaking of bread and sharing the cup, this chapter reminds us that:

- **God prepares a place for His presence** – Just as Moses carefully followed YHVH’s instructions to set up the Tabernacle, Yeshua has prepared the way for us to meet with God through His sacrifice. The bread and cup are not just symbols; they are reminders that the way into God’s presence is open because of what Yeshua has done...
- **The glory comes after obedience** – Moses “did everything just as the LORD commanded” (v.16), and then God’s glory filled the place.

In communion, we come in obedience to Yeshuas’ command: “*Do this in remembrance of Me.*” As we obey, His presence meets us.

- **God dwells with His people** – The Tabernacle was an environment of temporary dwelling of God..... Through believing what Messiah did with His death, burial, and resurrection, lead to God’s Holy Spirit living in us now...

Communion is a celebration of that intimate, unbroken fellowship YHVH has provided. Salvation belongs to Our God! Let Him dwell afresh in you today!

Ephesians 2:4-10 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)