

Judges

When Wrong becomes Right

FORWARD

Ours is a culture that celebrates immorality. While once we held to a Christian veneer, now sexual sin is pushed as progressive, abortion is funded by tax dollars, and the fear of the Lord has been replaced with the celebration of self. Where people used to blush, they now boast. Our society has been “liberated” from biblical ethics, and in its place has produced a culture of death. People define virtue not on God’s terms, but instead as doing what is right in their own eyes. Even in churches the gospel of grace is often replaced with a man-centered watered-down substitute, as if acceptability were the goal and compromise the means God has chosen to establish his church.

Has there ever been another culture that has slid this far, this fast?

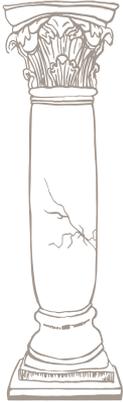
Yes, and yes. While the US has the evils of abortion and slavery for which to answer, Israel too had her own sin that led to its ruin. Moses may have led them across the wilderness, but his grandson inaugurated a religion of idols. The generation that ate manna gave way to the generation that delighted itself in doing evil. Those that received the Torah were replaced by those that sold idols—and they did so at a discounted price. Israel shed tears at Joshua’s death, and then rejected Joshua’s God. Their men refused to lead, their leaders were sexually immoral, cowards,

and idolaters. Human sacrifice became an acceptable form of worship.

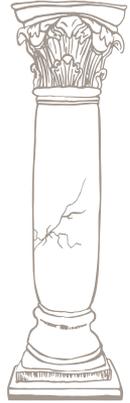
And yet God remained their only hope. Despite their recalcitrance and self-reliance, Yahweh insisted on raising up savior after savior, one deliverer after another. Where sin abounded, God's deliverance abounded all the more, and behind every miracle was the promise that God would one day send a savior who was not a sinful Judge, but sinless king.

For this reason, Judges is an important book for our church to study. It may not show us how to live, but it shows us what kind of God we live for. Ours is not the only generation to do what is right in our own eyes.

Jesse Johnson
Teaching Pastor



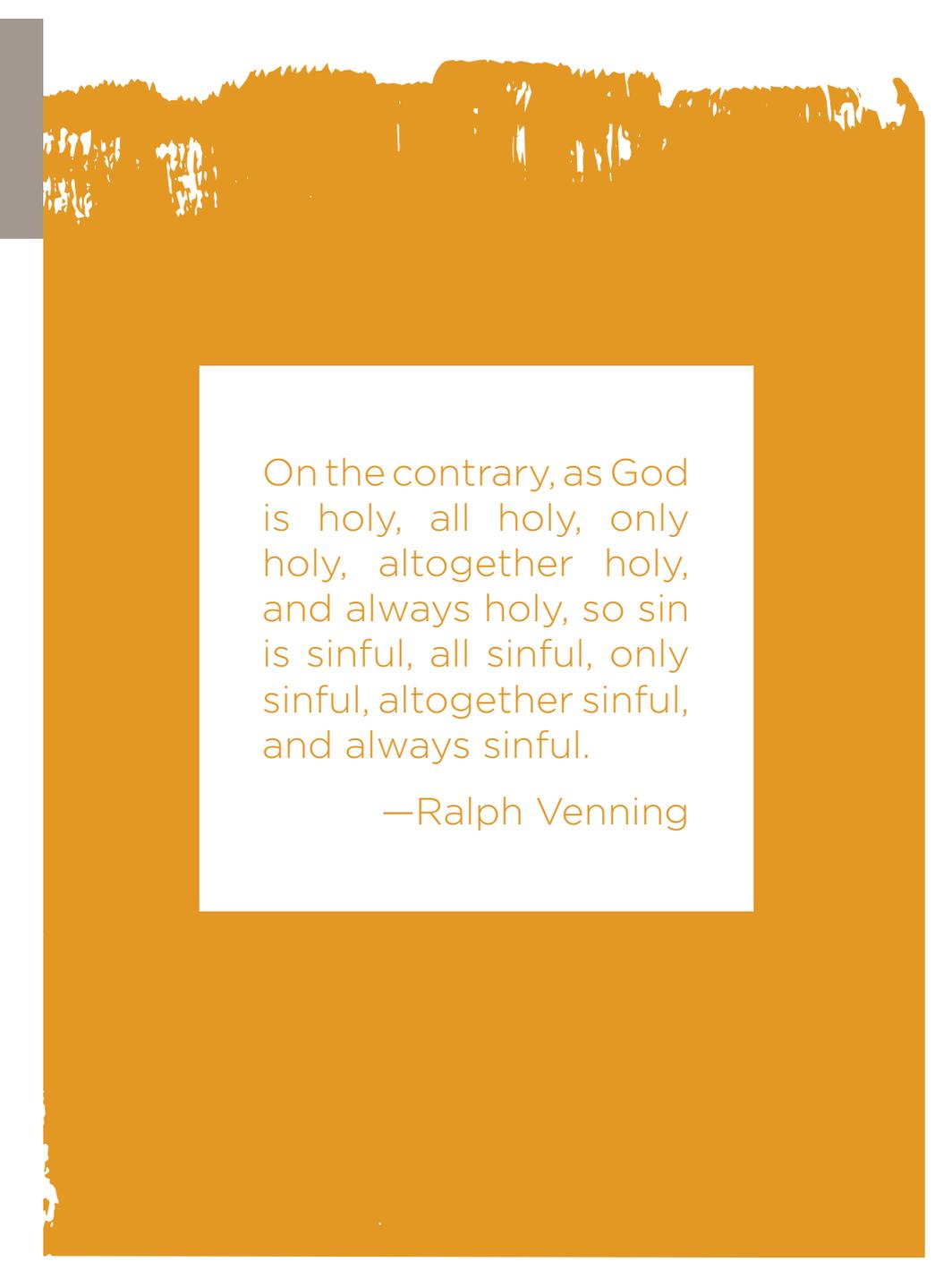
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A
Road
Map
to
Failure

CHAPTER 1



On the contrary, as God
is holy, all holy, only
holy, altogether holy,
and always holy, so sin
is sinful, all sinful, only
sinful, altogether sinful,
and always sinful.

—Ralph Venning

MEET
ISRAEL:
a land of
TEARS



CHAPTERS
2 & 3

PEOPLE LOVE SIN. GOD SENDS ENEMIES.
GOD GIVES A JUDGE, THE JUDGE LIVES PEACE.
PEOPLE SIN WORSE THAN BEFORE.
PEOPLE CRY FOR HELP. JUDGE THEM.

Meet Jael:
Real men don't drink
Warm Milk



CHAPTERS

4 & 5

It is difficult to be creative in sin; there's a certain monotony about it; most all of it has been done before; The fast lane becomes an old rut. Evil never lends itself to originality. Hence there are two problems: the slavery and staleness of sin.

—Dale Ralph Davis

**“This is
Yahweh’s doing/
we can only
marvel at it”**

Psalm 118:23

MEET

Gideon

THE GENERAL

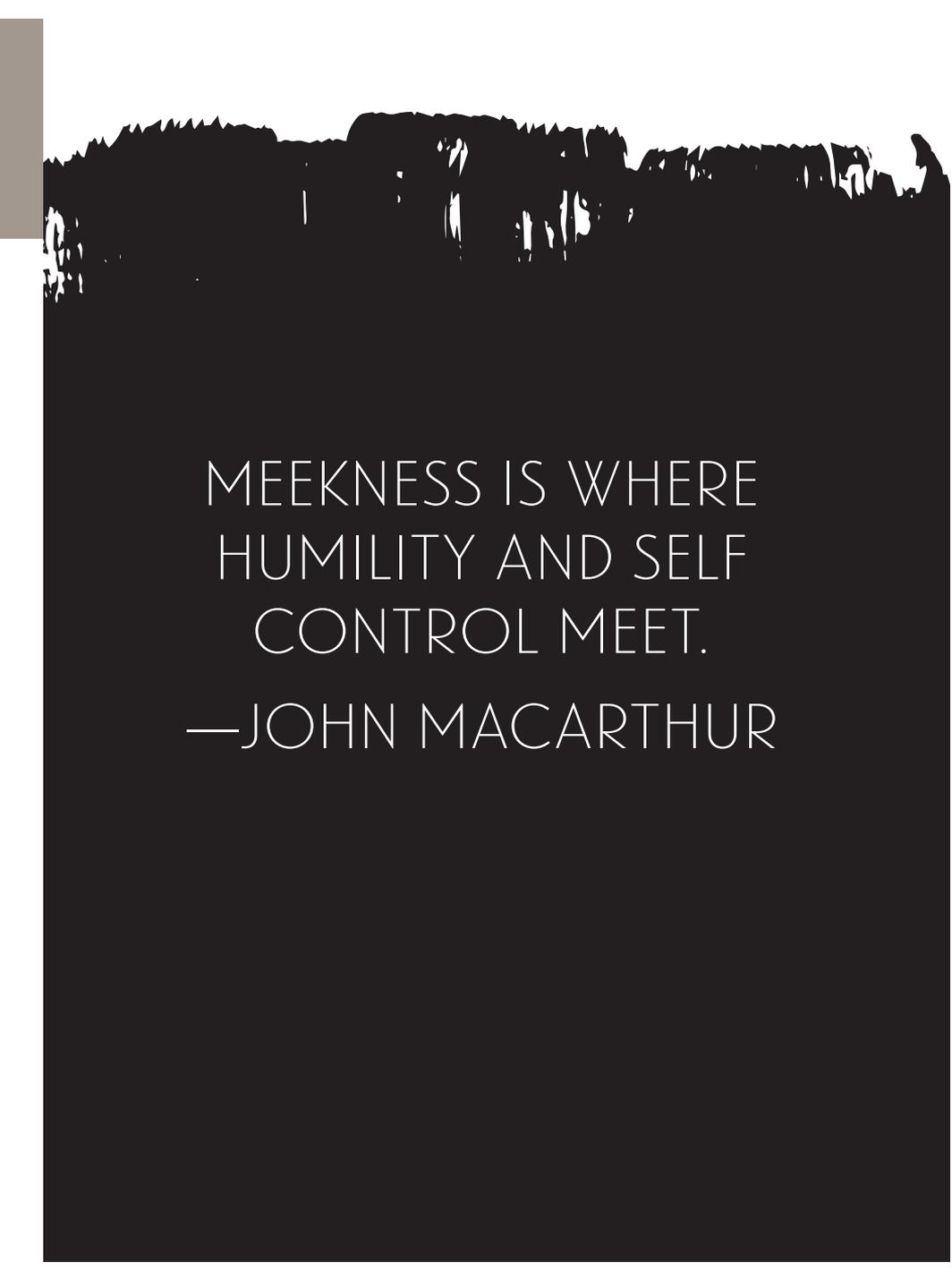
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Nightlight



CHAPTER 6



MEEKNESS IS WHERE
HUMILITY AND SELF
CONTROL MEET.

—JOHN MACARTHUR

A Glorious
INSUFFICIENCY

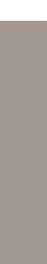


CHAPTER 7

A GLORIOUS INSUFFICIENCY

JUDGES 7

**“WITH GOD, ONE IS
MARTIN L**



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SERMON OUTLINE:

- 1 You are not as good as you think you are. (1-14)
- 2 God is better than you think he is. (15-22)
- 3 You can do more than you think you can. (23-25)

*“My grace is
sufficient for
you, for power
is perfected in
weakness.”*

2 Corinthians 12:9

How To
RUIN
a good
Life.

CHAPTERS
8 & 9

EVERYONE
WANTS TO
BE HAPPY,
EVERYONE IS
TRYING
TO BE HAPPY,
BUT NO ONE
IS HAPPY.

AUGUSTINE

3 PREDICTORS OF A DISASTROUS FINISH TO YOUR LIFE:

- 1 Mised private life
- 2 Misplaced worship
- 3 Missed opportunity

MEET
Jephthah:
WHEN Wrong
BECOMES
Right.



CHAPTERS

10 & 11

Mistakes in Seeking
GOD'S
HELP:

- 1 Bargaining with God.
- 2 Offering a sinful sacrifice.
- 3 Vowing a vow.
- 4 Keeping a sinful vow.



THE
SHIBBOLETH
— OF —
PRIDE
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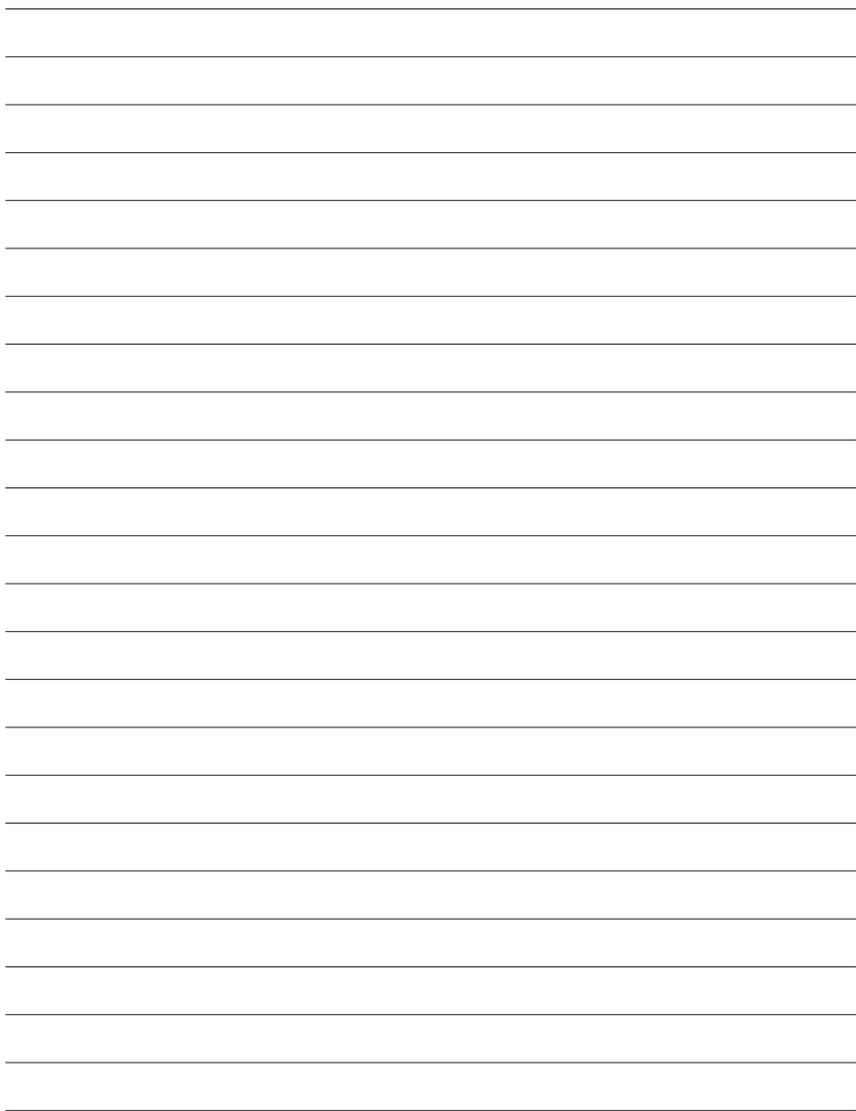
CHAPTER  
12



**In all heaven  
and earth,  
pride and  
self-exaltation  
are the gate  
and the curse  
of hell.**

***- Andrew Murray***

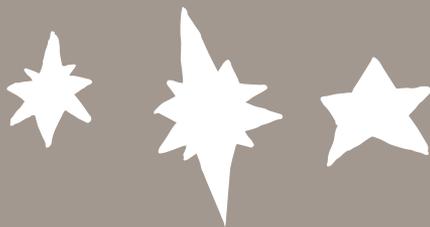




“Teacher, we  
saw someone  
casting out demons  
in your name, and  
we tried to stop him,  
because he wasn’t  
following us.”

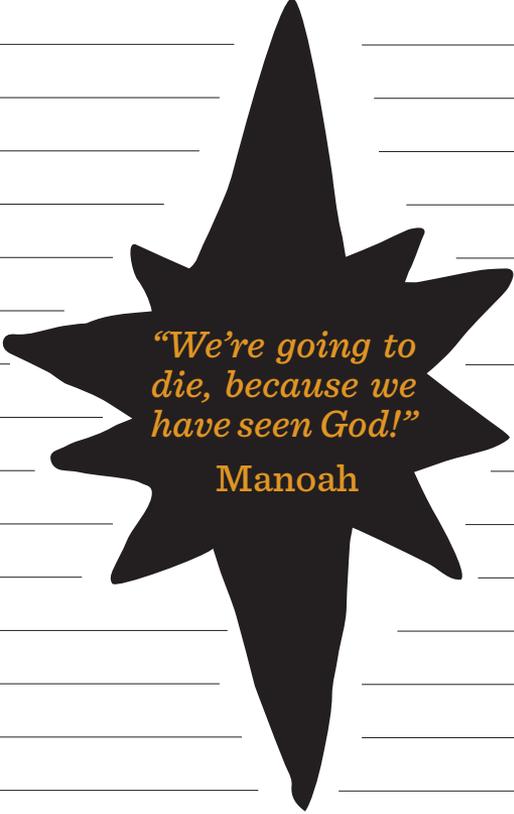
--John, Mark 9:38

ISRAEL'S  
*first*  
CHRISTMAS



CHAPTER  
13





*“We’re going to  
die, because we  
have seen God!”*

**Manoah**



MEET  
SAMSON:  
*Fed by Lions,*  
Married to a cow.



CHAPTERS  
14 & 15









Death  
— and —  
Delilah:  
SIN MAKES YOU STUPID.

CHAPTER

16



SAMSON  
PROVES YOU  
CAN STRANGLE  
A LION, BUT NOT  
STRANGLE LUST.  
YOU CAN BREAK  
THE BONDS OF  
YOUR ENEMIES,  
BUT NOT BREAK  
THE CORDS OF  
YOUR LUST.

— AMBROSE

DO NOT BE DECEIVED,

GOD IS NOT MOCKED,

FOR WHATEVER A

MAN SOWS THAT

WILL HE ALSO REAP.

- GALATIANS 6:7

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TEN  
SHEKELS  
*and a*  
SHIRT.

CHAPTERS

17 & 18



*The liberal says the end of religion is to make man happy while he's alive, and the fundamentalist says the end of religion is to make man happy when he dies; both are examples of idolatry. —Paris Reidhead*



TORN  
for the 12  
TRIBES

A decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping, curved lines that form a horizontal, somewhat symmetrical shape, resembling a stylized wave or a calligraphic flourish.

CHAPTER

19



"When I survey  
The wondrous  
CROSS  
On which the  
Prince of  
Glory  
Died,  
My richest  
Tain I count  
but loss, and  
pour contempt on  
All my  
PRIDE."

Isaac Watts

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But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

—Isaiah 53:5

SPARING  
the  
ROD,  
—  
HATING  
— the —  
FLOCK

CHAPTER  
20:1-34



***“He who is  
often reprov-  
ed,  
yet stiffens  
his neck, will  
suddenly be  
broken beyond  
healing.”***

**Proverbs 29:1**



A  
Wedding  
From a  
Funeral

CHAPTERS  
20:35-21:25



**“This, then, is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.”**

**—Jesus in John 3:19**

*God would  
never permit  
any evil if  
he could not  
bring good  
out of evil.*

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THOMAS  
WATSON



" IN OTHNIEL  
*we learned that*  
GOD *can* SAVE  
Through All,  
IN Deborah  
THAT HE *can*  
SAVE THROUGH  
*many,*  
IN Gideon  
THAT HE *CAN*  
*save through few*  
*and* IN *that*  
SAMSON HE *CAN*  
SAVE *through*  
ONE.  
*God will save by sending*  
The ONE."

—TIM KELLER





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