

THE CESSATION OF MERCY? THE BOOK OF JUDGES (PART I)

Judges 1:27-2:5

Ignorance of God is the source of all wickedness and confusion among men.

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This was good, and a sign that the word they heard made an impression upon them: it is a wonder sinners can ever read their Bibles with dry eyes. But this was not enough; they wept, but we do not find that they reformed, that they went home and destroyed all the remains of idolatry and idolaters among them. Many are melted under the word that harden again before they are cast into a new mold.

Matthew Henry on Judges 2:1-5

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

Jesus in Luke 3:7-9

I. **REBUKE (1:27-2:3; EXODUS 23:33)**

II. **RELEVANCE (2:3)**

III. **RESPONSE (2:4-5)**