

SERIES: JUDGES
SERMON: Introduction Pt.3
TEXT: Judges 2;6-3:5
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"Judgment in the OT and NT is similar... it is **God giving you what you want.** "You will not drive them out," says God, "and therefore I will not;" thus their sin was made their **punishment.** Thus those who indulge their lusts and corruptions, which they should mortify, forfeit the grace of God, and it is justly withdrawn from them. If we will not resist the devil, we cannot expect that God should tread him under our feet." - Bruce Hurt

How could the people so quickly forget their weeping at Bochim over the message from the angel of the Lord?
How could a people who had seen so much of the power of God drift so far from Him? It did not happen all at once. It never does. **1)** They lost fellowship with God by incomplete obedience. When Israel did not drive out the people as God commanded, they were sowing the seeds of their own spiritual failure. **2)** They did not consciously remind themselves of the grace of God. They forsook God, when they forgot all that He had done for them. That is the reason we have the Lord's Supper in the New Testament. "Keep on doing this in remembrance of Me," the Lord said; and every time we come to the Lord's table, we confront ourselves afresh with the great truths of what He has done for us. **3)** They rejected the Word of God. Israel began to look at life the way the Canaanites did. Instead of being controlled by the truths of Scripture, they were controlled by the opinions and impulses of their sinful natures. - Gary Inrig (Hearts of Stone, Feet of Clay).

What elements of the worship of Baal would have been appealing to the Israelites? Consider Psalm 106:34-37.

What practices of the world around us are creeping into our Christian culture?

As you consider your daily struggles and failures, what are some of those things that CANNOT separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus?
