

# Rev. Luke's Weekly Blog

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### THE ULTIMATE JUDGE AND DELIVERER

#### The Book of Judges

The Book of Judges presents the recurring cycle of Israel's sin (rebellion), oppression, repentance, and deliverance through divinely appointed judges.

The judges in the Book of Judges were raised up by God to deliver Israel from oppression during a time when **there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes**. Israel's idolatry led to divine judgment through foreign oppressors, followed by God's merciful response in raising judges to save them.

The judges acted as God's instruments, empowered by His Spirit to rescue a wayward people. Unlike the temporary deliverances of the judges, Jesus' deliverance is eternal, freeing humanity from the ultimate oppression of sin and death.

The judges' role as mediators between God and Israel further points to Christ's ultimate mediation. Judges like Deborah and Gideon not only delivered Israel militarily but also called the people back to covenant faithfulness, acting as intermediaries who communicated God's will. However, their mediation was limited and imperfect, often marred by personal flaws or incomplete victories. For instance, Gideon's later idolatry with the ephod and Jephthah's tragic vow. In contrast, Jesus is the sole and perfect mediator, as described in 1 Timothy 2:5: **For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**. Through His sinless life and sacrificial death, Jesus reconciles us to God, fulfilling the covenant in a way the judges could only foreshadow.

The judges' empowerment by the Spirit of God is another significant parallel to Christ. The Spirit's presence enabled judges to accomplish extraordinary feats of deliverance. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35), baptized with the Spirit (Matthew 3:16), and led by the Spirit in His ministry (Luke 4:1). While the Spirit's work in the judges was temporary and task-specific, Jesus' anointing is permanent and universal, enabling Him to defeat not just earthly enemies but spiritual powers of darkness.



## THE ULTIMATE JUDGE AND DELIVERER Continued

The judges' victories, though temporary, point to the hope of ultimate deliverance in Christ, encouraging us to trust in God's faithfulness even in times of personal or societal chaos. Just as God raised up judges to rescue Israel, He has provided Jesus as the ultimate Deliverer, whose victory is comprehensive and eternal. This truth calls us to repentance and faith, trusting that Christ's work on the cross is sufficient for our salvation.

The judges were imperfect, temporary Saviours, but Jesus is the sinless, eternal Judge and Deliverer. He fulfills the judges' roles perfectly:

- as the Deliverer, He saves us from sin (Matthew 1:21).
- as the Judge, He executes justice (John 5:22; Acts 17:31).
- as the King, He reigns forever (Revelation 11:15).

The judges remind us that God hears the cries of His people and provides salvation. Christ, the greater Judge, calls us to ask God for:

- forgiveness of all our sins, known and unknown.
- clothing with the full armour of God.
- His victory is to manifest in every area of our lives.

Just as Israel needed God-appointed judges, we need Jesus, the only Savior who can free us and reign in righteousness.



**Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!**  
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