Judges: A Little Compromise Goes a Long Way February 17, 2019

Judges 1:1-2:5

Dr. God and the book of Judges

What is this book about?

Why were they to wipe out the Amorites? (Gen 15:16; Deut 9:4-5; 1 Kings 21:26)

What God had Done, Covenanted, and Commanded

(Deut 7:1-6; 20:17a, 18; Josh 23:6-13a)

Their Failure

Judges is a raw and unfiltered downward spiral.

An Introduction to the Book.

How does the author of Judges introduce his own book?

Initial Success with Judah

Prayer +Unity + Obedience =Success

Hints of Failure

Bezek's big toes

Jerusalem, taken put to the sword, and burned. But not occupied.

High Water Mark

Caleb and Othniel

The Kenites

The Lord was with them, <u>but</u> they could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley.

Progressive Canaanization

Progressive Failure in the North

A spy like Rahab? Luz

General failure

Dan's complete failure

Israel rebuked 2:1-5

They have broken the covenant

God's response

What can we learn from Judges?