

CORAM DEO JUDGES 13:1

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1. We live **before** the face of God!

Judges 13:1 And the children of Israel did evil again **in the sight of the LORD** (יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ); and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2. We live (are to live) **by** the Word of God!

Judges 13:1 And the children of Israel **did evil again** in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

The children of Israel did evil – but how would we know it was evil?
How do we determine this? How does God tell us to determine this?
Then, how do we really determine this – is it cultural? Emotional?

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: **The LORD our God is one LORD:**

(שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד)

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt **love** the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:6 **And these words**, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deuteronomy 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deuteronomy 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

What does this tell us about a Biblical Faith?

- A. God-centered life
- B. Love-oriented life
- C. Bible-based life (or a word-saturated life)

Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, **which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**

Introductory thoughts:

- The Hebrew Bible = our OT
- The Hebrew Bible has 22 to 24 books (scrolls originally which accounts for the differences.)

1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles were

The minor prophets were one scroll

Jeremiah & Lamentations were one scroll

Judges & Ruth were one scroll

Ezra & Nehemiah were one scroll

- The Old (First) Testament has been variously called:
- Mikra (מִקְרָא) those books which were read as Scripture
- And of course, the Tanakh (תנ"ך)
- The Hebrew Bible has always been organized slightly differently

Torah: the Law or the 5 books of Moses

Nevi'im: the prophets

Ketuvim: the writings

What is more important for us – **all portions** of Scripture stress the Scriptural nature of our faith!

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Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 1:2 But his **delight is in the law of the LORD; And in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures (τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα), which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture (Πᾶσα γραφή) is given by inspiration of God (θεόπνευστος), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **2 Timothy 3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

3. We live under the hand of God!

Judges 13:1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and **the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.**

God loves us

God chooses us

God saves us

God never lets us go

Therefore, God never lets us go too far – if we are His!!!

Deuteronomy 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

Job 5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

Psalms 94:12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, And teachest him out of thy law;

Proverbs 3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; Neither be weary of his correction: **Proverbs 3:12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.