

Lesson 1 Judges 1-2 It was the worst of times

1. When is it hard for you to obey God? Why?
2. Read Joshua 24:23–31. Why did Israel end up obeying her enemies instead of God?
3. Read Deuteronomy 7:1–6. What was God's plan for the people of Israel when they entered the Promised Land? Why?
4. What was the key to their victory over their enemies? (See Judg. 1:19 and Rom. 8:31.)
5. What happened when they failed to overtake their enemies?
6. Review Judges 2:11–23. The Israelites repeatedly went through a cycle during the days of the judges. What were the steps of this cycle?
7. How is our society like the days of the judges?
8. Give an example of when you relied upon your own understanding. What was the outcome?
9. What temptations do you face today that cause you to serve someone or something else other than God? Be specific.
10. How can you avoid these temptations, so you don't get caught in this type of cycle?