

# Old Testament Judges



**WORDS TO FIND:**

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| Abdon     | Ehud   | Ibzan    | Othniel |
| Abimelech | Elon   | Jair     | Samson  |
| Deborah   | Gideon | Jephthah | Tola    |

## The Law of Harvest

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A man rocked a boat to see if it would tip. It did!

A laborer stepped on a nail to see if it would go through his shoe. It did!

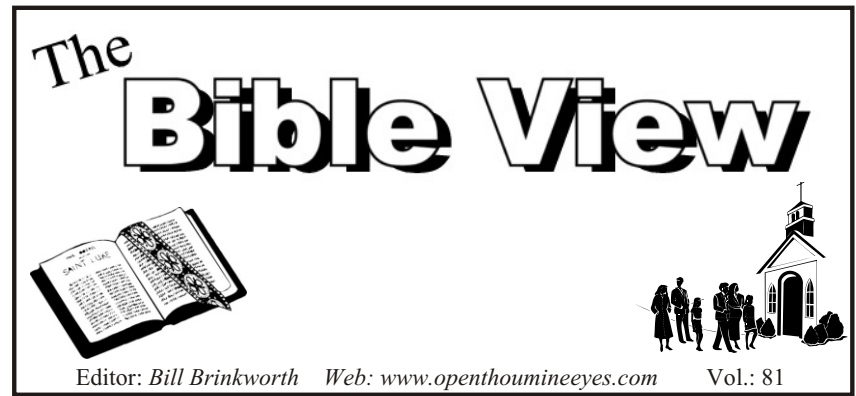
A man looked into a gun to see if it was loaded. It was!

A helper smelled escaping gas and lit a piece of oily waste to find the leak. He did!

A young girl kept late hours to see if it would really injure her office work. It did!

A young man tried drinking to see if it would make him act like a fool. It did!

God's Word says, "...*Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*" Gal. 6:7. You cannot afford to play with sin. If you do, you will reap the terrible results.



## Remember Lot's Wife

*By Barbara Brinkworth*

Abraham's nephew, Lot, chose to live in the well-watered plains of Sodom. Was he already married when he parted company with Abraham? The Bible doesn't say. In fact, when it later speaks of Lot's wife, the Scriptures never mention her by name. The Word of God does say, however, that we should remember Lot's wife (*Luke 17:32*).

What is it that we are to remember? The story of Lot's departure from Sodom is recorded in Genesis 19. God had sent two angels to bring Lot and his family out before judgment fell on the wicked city, but all of his family did not leave. His sons-in-law did not believe him, when he told them of the impending disaster. In fact, they laughed at him. Consequently, Lot's married daughters and their husbands did not go.

As the angels brought Lot's family out of the city, they told

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## How to Identify the Heathen

*By Bill Brinkworth*

**They Have the Wrong Spiritual Father.** Their Father is the Devil. They don't think, act, talk or worship God like a child of God is commanded in the Bible.

*John 8:44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*

*Psalms 135:15 "The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands."*

**Wrong Heart.** The heart here is not the blood-pumping organ in one's body. It is the drive and true reason for doing

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them to "... look not behind thee" (vs 17). They were to escape to the mountains, but Lot's wife did look back (vs. 26). Because of her disobedience, she suffered the immediate judgment of God by being turned into a pillar of salt.

Have you ever wondered why she turned back? I have heard some say that she looked back at her home and her possessions. That may be true; but as a mother of four, I have another suggestion. The Bible says, "*Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*" (Matt.6:21). The greatest treasure any woman can have is her children. Lot's wife left several married daughters and possibly grandchildren in Sodom. Surely, her heart broke as the fire and brimstone fell on them. Perhaps she looked back to see if they had changed their minds and were fleeing the city.

Remember Lot's wife. As mothers, we can do much to keep our children from God's judgment. We can win them to the Lord at an early age. We can train them to love and serve God, while there is yet time. We can pray for them, even into adulthood. Once the judgment

of God begins to fall, it is too late. We will not be able to "turn back" the hands of time.

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what is done. A true Christian has a new "heart" to serve, obey, and believe God and His Word!

*Ezekiel 33:31 "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness."*

### **Wrong mind, actions and habits:**

I Cor 5:17 "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*" If a person is really saved he/she is a different person. Thinking, actions, and beliefs are different!

 **Wrong worship:** Most of the time it is a man-made, tradition-based or ceremonial worship.

In so much  
as any one  
pushes you  
nearer to God,  
he or she is  
your friend.


- Anonymous

*Mark 7: 2 "And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. 3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. 4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? 6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For*

*laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do."*

### **Wrong prayer:**

Mat. 6:7 "*But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*" Vain, repetitious prayers are prayers that are said without meaning, recited mechanically, and our repeated again and again.

 **Wrong Actions.** Since they worship God their way, the fruit produced is not spiritual.

Matthew 7:20 "*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*"

Titus 1: 16 "*They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.*"

