

Longing for a Righteous King – Judges 3-21
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The downward spiral of reprobation in Israel illustrates the depravity of the fallen human heart and the profound need for one who can lead God's people to walk straight in the path of His will. However, the judges fail to provide that kind of leadership, and the Book of Judges ends with longing for a righteous king.

1. The Judges were themselves fallen.
The Book of Judges shows the moral failure of the leaders:
 - a. Barak (Ch. 4-5)
 - b. Gideon (Ch. 6-9)
 - c. Jephthah (Ch. 10-12)
 - d. Samson (Ch. 13-16)

2. The Judges' ministries were ineffective.
The Book of Judges shows the inability of the leaders to turn the hearts of the people.
 - a. The people practiced blatant idolatry (Ch. 17-18)

 - b. The people practiced open immorality (Ch.19-21)