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Judges - Such a Great Salvation!

Judges 3:1-11

I. God's Plan of Testing His People

A. God's purpose (vv. 1-2)

B. God's tools (v. 3)

1. the five lords of the Philistines
2. the Canaanites
3. the Sidonians
4. the Hivites

C. God's method (v. 4)

D. Israel's failure (vv. 5-7)

1. Israel dwelt among the foreigners
2. They intermarried with the foreigners
3. They served the gods of the foreigners

II. The Judges in Action

A. Othniel, the First Identified Judge

1. God's anger results in an oppressor, Cushan-Rishathaim, being appointed (v. 8)
2. The cries of Israel result in the appointment of a deliverer (vv. 9-10)
3. There is rest in the land (v. 11)

Lessons:

1. God is sovereign over governmental affairs.
2. God draws us to repentance both through His goodness and His severity.
3. God's judgment and discipline fall on those who turn from Him.
4. God's power is available to those who will stand against evil on His behalf.