

THE MODEL DELIVERER

Judges 3:7-11

Yahweh raises up a savior from Judah to lead His wayward people into promised rest.

I. God *sells* His people to a model *despot* (vv. 7-8).

II. God *saves* His people *through* a model *deliverer* (vv. 9-11).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why can't we skip over the account of the first judge, even if it is somewhat bland? How does its lack of detail actually help us to get the main point?
2. What does it mean to live coram deo? Was Israel doing it?
3. What did God do to Israel in His anger? How does it relate to the exodus? Does it mean God is done with His people?
4. What can we gather about King Cushan from the limited information we are given in the text? How does he serve as the model tyrant?
5. What was the name of the first judge, and how did he live up to it?
6. What happened to the land of Canaan while Othniel was serving as judge? What happened when he died?
7. How does Othniel point forward to David? How does he point forward to Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I live coram deo? Am I more concerned about the world's perspective or God's?
2. Can I explain the difference between God's punitive anger and His disciplinary anger? Why is the distinction important?
3. How is God's sovereignty writ large over this account? Why is it important to see that?