Our True King

After the death of Joshua, the people should have lived obediently under the Law of God. Because they did not, the Lord raised up temporary leaders called Judges to bring them back to God. When the nation continued to decline morally and spiritually, God finally gave them a king. **The book of Judges reveals our need for a Savior and King. It demonstrates—**

**1. The weakness of God’s Law**

Romans 8:3

A. The Law gives no *purity* of heart

B. The Law gives no *power* to obey

**2. Why it is wrong to do what is right in our eyes**

Judges 17:6; 21:25

A. We are too *short sighted*

2 Peter 1:9

B. We are blinded by our *passions*

Judges 14:3

C. We stubbornly turn away *from the light*

John 3:19-21

**3. The folly of modern morality**

(which is just the old immorality)

A. No one has a right to tell you *what to do*

B. You have to be true to *yourself*

C. God likes you just the way He *made you*

D. You deserve *the best*

**4. Our need for a King**

Judges 18:1; 19:1. We need the kind of King who—

A. *Writes* His Law on our hearts

Hebrews 10:15-16

B. *Fights* our enemies and wins

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. Psalm 72 is a poetic description of the ideal king. How will the Lord Jesus fulfill this ideal?

3. What title is given to Jesus in Revelation 17:14 and 19:16? Who is called Lord of Lords in Deuteronomy 10:17? What does this tell you about the identity of Jesus Christ?

4. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus Christ is your King?

5. Why do we need the Law of the King to be written both in a book and in our hearts?

6. How can you teach children the Law of God without turning them into little legalists who are trying to earn God’s favor by good behavior?