



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Judges 17:1-6; 18:18-19, 27 Discussion Questions **Choose 1 or more Questions** **from each of the five below.**

1. Micah admitted that he had taken his mother's 1,100 pieces of silver after hearing the curse she had spoken (Judges 17:1-2).

What does Micah's confession suggest about the difference between fearing consequences and truly repenting of sin?

How did Micah's theft dishonor his mother, and why is honest restitution an important part of making a wrong right?

What can parents and teachers do to help children obey God from love and faith rather than merely from fear of punishment?

2. Micah's mother said she dedicated the silver to the LORD, yet she used part of it to make a carved image and a metal image (Judges 17:3-4).

Why was it contradictory to claim that the silver was dedicated to the LORD and then use it to make idols?

What does this account teach us about the danger of mixing the worship of the true God with beliefs or practices He has forbidden?

Why are sincere intentions not enough if our choices disagree with the clear teachings of the Bible?

3. Micah made a shrine, an ephod, and household gods, and he ordained one of his sons to be his priest (Judges 17:5).

What was wrong with Micah creating his own place, objects, and priesthood for worship?

How can people today be tempted to shape religion around what pleases them instead of what God has revealed?

How can prayer, Bible study, and faithful Christian fellowship help us recognize and reject false ideas about God?

4. In those days there was no king in Israel, and everyone did what was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6).

What happens to a family, church, or nation when each person becomes his or her own final authority for right and wrong?

How is doing what seems right in our own eyes different from seeking what is right in God's eyes?

How does following Jesus give believers both a trustworthy standard and the strength to obey it?

5. The men of Dan took Micah's idols and priest, then attacked the quiet and unsuspecting people of Laish and burned their city (Judges 18:18-19, 27).

How did false worship, selfish ambition, theft, and violence become connected in the actions described in this passage?

What does the priest's willingness to leave for a larger position teach us about the danger of choosing personal advantage over faithfulness to God?

How can one person's decision to believe and obey the truth help keep sin from spreading harm to many others?