



## Judges Chapter 10

- Review/Intro
  - We see now the cycle of sin is continuing and we are very quickly introduced to two judges: Tola and Jair
  - Samuel doesn't say too much about them and the point being made is that these two judges represent more of the same cycle that we have seen over the course of the previous 9 chapters
  
- Israel disobeys again
  - It seems at this point that we get the sense that it is impossible for the people of Israel to consistently do what is right
  - This is one of the important themes of the book of Judges and one that foreshadows the incarnation of Christ. People are unable to save themselves, they are in need of God to save them
  - The Israelites are becoming more and more like the Canaanites that are around them reminding us of how serious God's command to remove them from the land in the first few chapters really was
  
- A warning for us who try to be followers of God and live in the world
  - We sometimes believe that we should be engaging with the world, while at times minimizing the impact the world has on us
  - It is much more common that we become impacted by the desires, plans, intentions, ways of thought of the world than vice versa
  - When we do engage with the world, it should be with the intent to be salt of the earth as our Lord Jesus Christ reminds us
    - When we do not have this in mind, we can lose our "saltiness." If we are no longer offering light and salt to the world, we are not



fulfilling our mission of God's kingdom

- **10 And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have sinned against You, because we have both forsaken our God and served the Baals!”**
  - The people recognize their sin and cry out to God, but this time tells them that He will not deliver them and that they should cry out to the gods and they have now chosen to worship
  - Here it is not that the Lord does not want to save His people, we will see that He will deliver them, but He allows time and trials for them to learn and for their repentance to be genuine
- Repentance is not merely crying out to God
  - We see the people crying out once again, but they do more. They put away their old gods and begin to worship God once more
  - It is a lesson for us in our repentance. Repentance means a true change in our minds and in our actions. It is not simply enough for us to cry to God and say we regret our actions, we must “put away” our old habits and ways of thinking