

Judges 10 Lessons and Principles:

1. *These other gods are attractive because of what is associated with them – money, success, prestige, power, love, sex, romance, etc. This equates to conforming to the culture, truly one of, if not the most dangerous temptation confronting us today. We must be ever on guard for this and do not compromise when it comes to God's Word.*
2. Israel was willing to worship just about anything *except* the true God. We cannot serve two masters. When a man stops believing in God, he does not believe in nothing; he believes in anything. And if we believe in anything where do we stand? What truths can we lean on?
3. If Israel wanted to serve the gods of foreign nations, God would allow that. He allows us our choice. We are always allowed to make our own choices, but we are also allowed to reap the consequences of those choices. I remind you of James 4:4 "You adulterous people, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God."
4. Israel cried out to God, but God's response seems to indicate that He saw something lacking in Israel's repentance. One may cry out to the LORD, yet really just *wish* things were different. Crying out to God with the voice is not necessarily the same as crying out to Him with our heart. We must make sure our heart is right with God when we call on him for help.
5. The *worst* of serving God is better than the *best* of serving idols. When we are all wrapped up in the pleasures of this world, we are in the same condition as Israel was serving the false gods. When we fully turn to God and surrender all to Him, then those things of the world that we thought were so important don't matter at all anymore.