

Judges 17 Lessons and Principles

1. God made man in His image but fallen man desires to make God into his image, don't fall into this – worship the true God, the God of the Bible.
2. Micah's man-centered religion with his idols, shrine, and ephod was completely man-originated and not God-originated. This man-pleasing pattern of religion continues today, stay focused on God-centered worship and don't be fooled by these false teachers.
3. When man follows his own instincts – apart from the redeemed nature of the converted person – it leads to ruin. We need to follow God's way, not our own.
4. The Levite became Micah's priest for what it could gain for him – serve God to glorify God not for your own personal gain.
5. Sincerity and zealousness are not enough – faith in the one true God is required.
6. Don't do it my way – do it God's way!
7. When the people of Dan inquired concerning a place to settle, Micah's priest told them what they wanted to hear: "Go in peace. Your journey has the LORD's approval" (Judges 18:6). Yet the Danites' journey was a violent one that resulted in the destruction of a peaceful town. False beliefs lead to wrong actions.
8. The closing verses of Chapter 18 show us how Micah's sin leads to the false worship and sinful acts of the entire tribe of Dan. Therefore, our sin is not restricted to affecting us only, it can have far reaching affects for others.