



B R E A K I N G THE CYCLE

— LEARNING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES —

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**THE DAYS OF THE JUDGES SUMMARIZED
IN A SINGLE VERSE:**

**25 IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN
ISRAEL. EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT
IN HIS OWN EYES.**

JUDGES 21:25

JESUS is LORD

COLOSSIANS 1:15-18

5 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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THE SANCTITY OF LIFE
THE HOLINESS OF MARRIAGE
& THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

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I. HUMAN LIFE IS INHERENTLY SACRED

GENESIS 1:27

SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE,
IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM;
MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

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- B. WE ARE NOT ANIMALS

For a great thing truly is man, made after the image and similitude of God, not as respects the mortal body in which he is clothed, but as respects the rational soul by which he is exalted in honour above the beasts.

- ST. AUGUSTINE

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- C. WHAT GOD HAS MADE us, NOT WHAT WE DO

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PSALM 139:13-16

13 For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's
womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.

PSALM 139:13-16

Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the
earth.

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PSALM 139:13-16

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of
them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

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A. THE NOAHIC COVENANT PROTECTS HUMAN LIFE

GENESIS 9:6

Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.

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- A. THE NOAHIC COVENANT PROTECTS HUMAN LIFE
- B. GOD COMMANDS THE DEFENSE OF THE VOICELESS

PROVERBS 31:8-9

- 8 Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

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DIDACHE 2.2

...do not murder a child by abortion or kill a
new-born infant.

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**HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED
BY GOD'S DESIGN
& MUST BE DEFENDED**

THE HOLINESS OF MARRIAGE

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I. MARRIAGE IS ROOTED IN THE CREATED ORDER

MATTHEW 19:3-4

3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” 4 He answered, “Have you not read that **he who created them from the beginning**

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- I. MARRIAGE IS ROOTED IN THE CREATED ORDER**
 - A. CHRIST GROUNDS MARRIAGE IN CREATION**
 - B. MARRIAGE IS GIVEN, NOT INVENTED**
 - C. MARRIAGE IS FOUNDATIONAL TO HUMAN CIVILIZATION**
 - D. GOVERNMENT RECEIVES MARRIAGE, IT DOES NOT DEFINE IT**

THE HOLINESS OF MARRIAGE

1. MARRIAGE IS ROOTED IN THE CREATED ORDER
2. MARRIAGE IS DEFINED BY SEXUAL DISTINCTION & UNION
 - A. CHRIST GROUNDS MARRIAGE IN MALE & FEMALE
 - B. SEXUAL DISTINCTION MAKES ONE-FLESH UNION POSSIBLE
 - C. GOD DESIGNED MARRIAGE TO PROVIDE UNIQUE INTIMACY & COMPANIONSHIP

MATTHEW 19:4-5

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning **made them male and female** , 5 and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh**’?

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- 2. MARRIAGE IS DEFINED BY SEXUAL DISTINCTION &
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- 3. MARRIAGE IS ESTABLISHED BY GOD'S AUTHORITY**

MATTHEW 19:6

6 So they are no longer two but one flesh.
What therefore God has joined together, let
not man separate.”

**MARRIAGE IS
GOD'S DESIGN TO
DISPLAY, NOT OUR
CONSTRUCT
TO REDEFINE**

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- A. CHRIST IS CREATOR, NOT CREATION
- B. CHRIST SUSTAINS ALL LIFE
- C. HUMAN LIFE BELONGS TO CHRIST
- D. CHRIST'S LORDSHIP EXTENDS TO OUR POLITICS

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

1. THE LORD OF LIFE
2. THE LORD OF THE NATIONS

PSALM 2:10-12

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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1. THE LORD OF LIFE

2. THE LORD OF THE NATIONS

A. CHRIST REIGNS OVER RULERS

B. THE STATE GOVERNS UNDER CHRIST

C. CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT MUST REMAIN CHRISTIAN

D. HEED THE KING'S WARNINGS

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3. THE LORD OF EVERYTHING
 - A. CHRIST HAS NO NEUTRAL TERRITORY
 - B. OBEDIENCE IS NOT EXTREMISM
 - C. CHRIST'S LORDSHIP IS ALSO AN INVITATION

CHRIST IS LORD

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LIVE LIKE IT

