



Letting God to be God means that believers must let God to sit and rule from His throne! We may not realise, but the Bible gave so many examples how people liked to take over God's throne. To let God sit on His throne is really a big matter for believers to do. As we learning from the book of Judges, we may learn how many calamities happened in those days because they did not let God to rule over them, instead everyone want to be the king for themselves. By learning and understanding that God must be God, we will be able to grow in the right track of Christianity and not end up in the wrong hope.

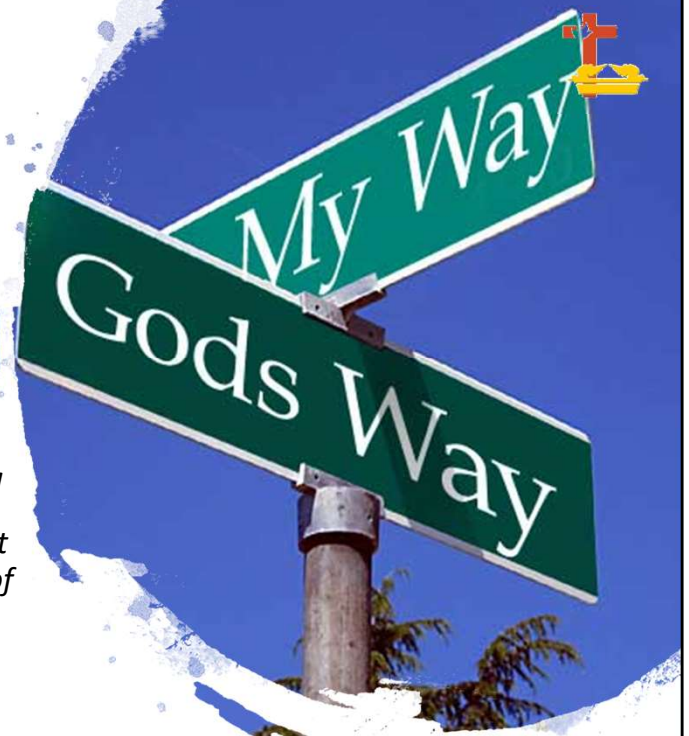
# Israel after Joshua

**Judges 21:25** In those days *there* was no king in Israel; **everyone** did *what was* right in his own eyes.

**!!! EVERYONE WANT TO BE KING !!!**

*When God rules as our King, there will be **peace**, **future**, and **hope**!*

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of **peace** and not of evil, to give you a **future** and a **hope**.



Maybe we can say that the day of Judges was **the first miserable condition** for Israel people as a nation. Somehow, they just forsook the Law that already given to them so that everyone could be a king for themselves!

The same problem also happens until now when believers want to be king over themselves! Truly it will be the worst condition for human life when they don't let God to be the king for them. God's plan is thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give us a future and a hope. So, when God is not in charge to be the king, what will happen is: **NO** true peace, **NO** bright future, and **NO** strong hope!

# Calamities

## in the book of Judges

- Micah from Ephraim built his own religion: shrine, ephod, household idols, priest  
*Judg.17:5*
- Gibeah's crime: copy of Lot's sin plus the 1<sup>st</sup> mutilation  
*Judg.19*
- One tribe almost missing from Israel: Benjamites *Judg.21*



Judges chapters 17-21 give us the example of the calamity that happened in those days.

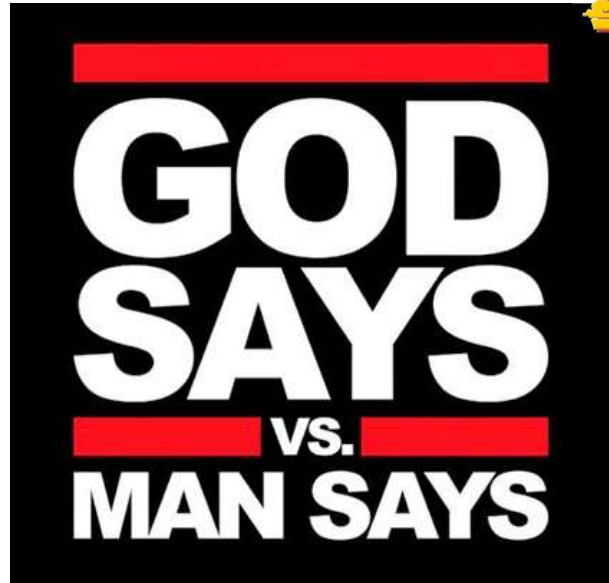
In those days, people already had the book of Law, but no one had any interest to keep it nor to remember it. Everyone chose what is the best for them so more and more problem arose.

**Judg.17:5-6** <sup>5</sup> The man Micah had a shrine, and made an ephod and household idols; and he consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. <sup>6</sup> In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

**Proverbs 29:18 ERV** If a nation is not guided by God, the people will lose self-control, but the nation that obeys God's law will be happy.

## The Obstacle for People at the End Times

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be **lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy ...  
**2 Timothy 3:1-2**

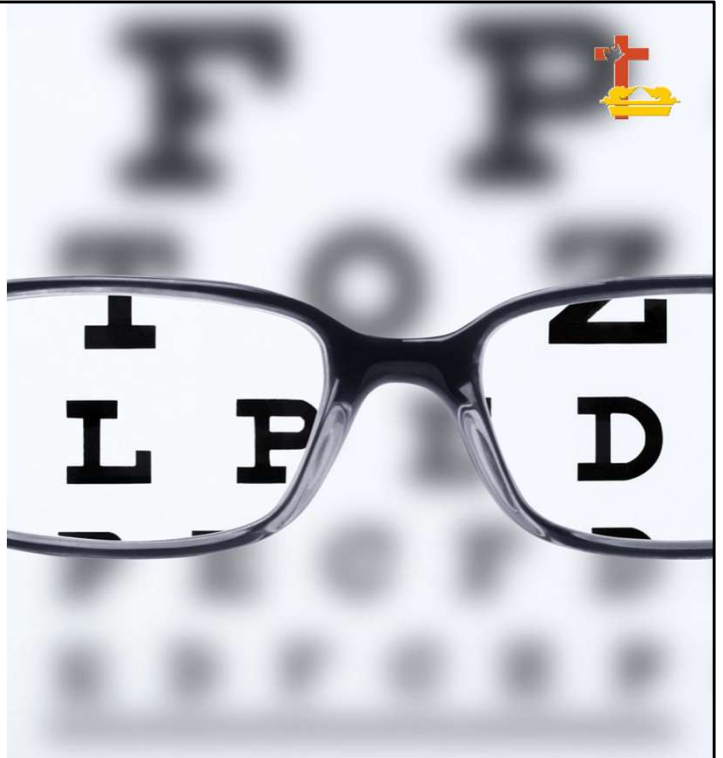


Somehow, the biggest enemy for God at the end times is human being! Paul wrote how people at the end times will neither love God nor the devil, but the devil will use a trick so that **they will love themselves** more than anything else! People will no longer listen to what God says, instead they will open their ears to what man says.

People at the end times will think that they, together with the system that they already built, are the best in the universe so that they be the lovers of themselves and don't want to open their ears for God's words anymore.

## When the vision of God become blurry

***O foolish Galatians!*** Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? <sup>2</sup> This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? <sup>3</sup> ***Are you so foolish?*** Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?  
**Galatians 3:1-3**



Paul warned and rebuked Galatians as they were going to finish their journey of faith in the wrong destination!

Paul visited Galatia during his **second** (Acts 16:6) and **third** (Acts 18:23) missionary journeys, although it is **possible** that his visit to Pisidia on his **first** journey (Acts 13:14) took in Southern Galatia. Paul already drawn 'the picture' of Jesus very clearly for them, and then it became very blurry so they no longer let God to be God in their life. Why it happened?



# Let God be God:

**Beware of attack from people!**

Those people are working hard to persuade you, but this is not good for you. They want to persuade you to turn against us and work hard for them.

**Galatians 4:17 ERV**

<sup>42</sup> Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for **they loved the praise of men** more than the praise of God.

**John 12:42-43 NKJV**

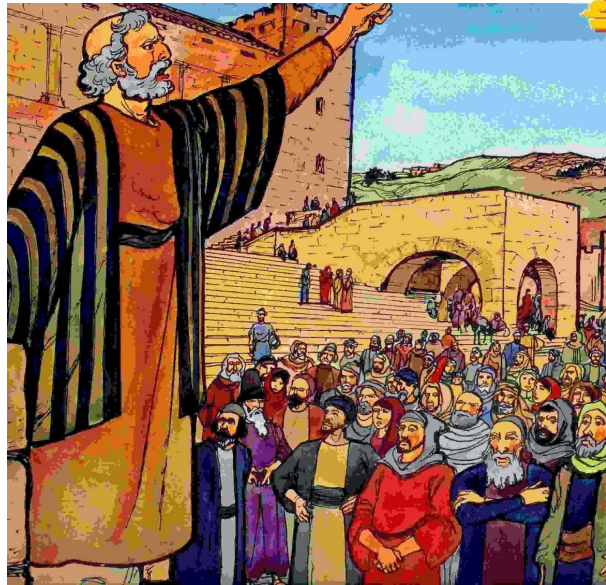


The problem at Galatians start with people influence so that the vision of God become so blurry for them. Just like what had happened exactly in the days of Jesus when people were under attack from the Pharisees so that they were not brave enough to confess Jesus as the Promised Messiah!

## Let God be God: God >>> man

**Acts 4** <sup>18</sup> So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. <sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

**Acts 5** <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to **obey God rather than men.**"



Peter and the apostles gave us a very good example how they let God to be God in their life by keep obeying to what God said even though the Sanhedrin threatened them not to speak nor teach anymore in the name of Jesus. When believers let God to be God, we must love God MORE THAN everything else in this world. Our love to God will enable us to obey God rather than man.

## Let God be God: Let God Sit on His Throne

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**Matthew 6** <sup>9</sup> Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. **Your will be done**, on earth as *it is* in heaven.

**Galatians 2** <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



We must let the will of God happen in our life, NOT ONLY the one that we assume comfortable to do, BUT the whole will of God.



## Let God be God:

Give back what belong to Him

**Matthew 22** <sup>21</sup> “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

**Romans 12** <sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “**Vengeance** is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.



**Romans 11:36** For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

We must not mix up between what belongs to God and what belongs to government. In the days of Jesus, Caesar represented the authority that God had put over our life.

There are some examples in the Bible about things belongs to God that we must give back to God. Just for example: **vengeance** (do not avenge yourselves), **life protection** (do not worry about tomorrow), **finance** (be a good steward, bring back the tithes, also be responsible for our expenses), **glory** (do not steal the glory of God).

# Let God be God:

Glorify God in your body and in your spirit

**1Corinthians 6** <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

<sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God** in your body and in your spirit, **which are God's**.



Our body belongs to God, our life belongs to God, our spirit belongs to God, and everything that we have belongs to God. That's why God must be the centre of our life and we must be true worshippers of God.

