

A landscape photograph featuring a dirt road winding through a field of tall grass. In the distance, a cross stands on a hill. The sky is blue with white clouds. The image is framed by a thin white border.

Two Paths to Remember

Judges 1 and 2

Judges 1:1-4 (HCSB)

¹ After the death of Joshua, the Israelites inquired of the Lord, “Who will be the first to fight for us against the Canaanites?”

² The Lord answered, “Judah is to go. I have handed the land over to him.”

Judges 1:1-4 (HCSB)

**³ Judah said to his brother Simeon,
“Come with me to my territory, and let
us fight against the Canaanites. I will
also go with you to your territory.” So
Simeon went with him.**

Judges 1:1-4 (HCSB)

⁴ When Judah attacked, the Lord handed the Canaanites and Perizzites over to them. They struck down 10,000 men in Bezek.

Path 1: Obedience

Obedience was necessary—an absolute essential—for God to give the promised land to the Israelites. If the people obeyed Him, God would be present with them and guide them.

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Path 1: Obedience

Deuteronomistic theology

obedience = blessing

disobedience = curse

Deut. 28

Jesus taught this theology (Deut 31)

Judges 2:2-4 (HCSB)

² You are not to make a covenant with the people who are living in this land, and you are to tear down their altars. But you have not obeyed Me. What is this you have done?

Judges 2:2-4 (HCSB)

³ Therefore, I now say: I will not drive out these people before you. They will be thorns in your sides, and their gods will be a trap to you.”



Judges 2:2-4 (HCSB)

⁴ When the Angel of the Lord had spoken these words to all the Israelites, the people wept loudly.

Path 2: Disobedience

What is disobedience?

- Making covenants with this world.
 - Depending on self...
 - Depending on possessions...
 - Depending on anything but God's grace...

Path 2: Disobedience

The difficulty of obedience...

- **God has called us out, yet we live in.**
- **We remain in the land, but we are not of the land.**
- **The live in the physical and God wants us to be spiritual.**

3. Clearing the Path

4...the people wept loudly.

**The answer to walking the obedient path,
a broken (repentive) heart.**

**Coming to the Lord's Table we should be
clearing the path of our life, focus on
Christ and His work at Calvary.**



The Lord's Table



Mark 14:22

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Mark 14

23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

Mark 14:25

"Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.