

"Discipline & Deliverance" Judges 3:1-11

1. In Judges 3 we see the nations that the Lord allowed to remain in the land. What two reasons are given in verses 2 and 4 for God allowing these nations to remain in the land?

2. What six foreign people groups do the sons of Israel live among (v.5)?

What dangerous result comes from the Israelites' intermarriage with these pagan nations (v.6)?

3. What did the sons of Israel *do* in verse 7?

Who did they *forget*?

Who did they *serve*?

4. What is God's response in verse 8?

How are the people disciplined?

5. What do the people of Israel do in verse 9?

How does the Lord respond?

Who does God raise up to deliver His people?

6. Who empowers Othniel as judge of Israel (v.10)?

What victory does the Lord provide with Othniel as judge?

How long does the land have peace and rest while Othniel is judge?

7. Seven times in the book of Judges there is a recurring cycle of:

- **Sin** as the people disobey the commands of the Lord
- **Slavery** to idolatry & **Servitude** to foreign nations
- **Supplication** & prayers of repentance
- **Salvation** & deliverance through a judge (in this case, Othniel)
- And then **Silence**, as peace exists for a time before the cycle starts all over again when the people choose to live in sin.

As Pastor Roger asked us in last week's sermon: as you consider this cycle as it relates to your spiritual life, in what stage do you currently find yourself?