



# FALLING SHORT OF GOD'S STANDARD

Judges 17 | Pastor Will Davis



**Now there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah.**

**Judges 17:1**



He said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver which were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse in my hearing, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the LORD." He then returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother, and his mother said, "I wholly dedicate the silver from my hand to the LORD for my son to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will return them to you."

Judges 17:2-3



**“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...”**

**Exodus 20:4-5**





And the man Micah had a shrine and he made an ephod and household idols and consecrated one of his sons, that he might become his priest.

Judges 17:5



**In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.**

**Judges 17:6**



**Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he was staying there.**

**Judges 17:7**



**Micah then said to him, "Dwell with me and be a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, a suit of clothes, and your maintenance." So the Levite went in.**

**Judges 17:10**





**So Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest and lived in the house of Micah. Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, seeing I have a Levite as priest."**

**Judges 17:12-13**

