

SERIES: Judges
The Kindness and Severity of God
Judges 10:6-18

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 - A sorrow over idolatrous **motives**, not just behavioral changes.
- Remember **Esau**. (Hebrews 12:16-17)
 - We must be careful not to weep for missing the blessings of God when we have no taste for God.
- Our hope does not rest in the sincerity of our repentance but in the intensity of God's compassion.
 - His holiness demands that he **judge** his people.
 - His heart moves him to **spare** his people.

Repentance in Hope of a Rescuer (10:17-18)

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 - We cannot **hide**. God will judge even the secret motives of our heart.
 - We must be **humble**. We are no better than anyone else and deserve wrath.
 - We have **hope**. God is merciful to those who repent and believe the gospel.
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