

Judges 17:1-13





Judges 17:1-2 "Micah"= Who is like YHWH? Who is like God?



1,100 pieces of silver are stolen from the mom of Micah



When Micah was nearby, the mom, upset by her money being stolen, curses (hell fire & brimstone) the person who stole it



Upon hearing this curse, either conviction comes over Micah or a deep concern over potential calamity (Micah confesses his crime)



The mother's response is alarming

The mother's primary focus was on her money (NOT her son or God)



Equally concerning was the mother simply brushing off the sin of her son (NO true repentance)



Judges 17:3 Micah returns the 27.5 lbs of silver & his mom (intending well) makes a declaration that displays how ignorant she is regarding God



Take the designated portion of the 27.5 lbs of silver & go make an idol so we can worship "God" at home



Exodus 20:4-6 Judges 17:4-5 The silversmith made 2 idols from 200 pieces of silver (roughly 5 lbs)



The Graven Image=this would have been a carved from wood image that was just silver coated

The Molten Image=this would have been a solid silver image



What they had actually done was create a religion (man's attempt to get to God)



In addition to the shrine, Micah makes an ephod & sets one of his sons apart to be his family's priest Judges 17:6



What makes it wrong to have your own temple in your own house? God is the absolute Authority & God commanded it be done a certain way



Judges 17:7-8

Exodus 18:2-4

Judges 17:9-10



Upon meeting & hearing this young guy was a Levite & looking to stay somewhere, Micah views this as a sign from God



The young Levite agrees to the terms

Judges 17:11-12



Micah consecrated the Levite. This was inappropriate because Micah was from the Tribe of Ephraim (NOT a Levite)



Judges 17:13 Micah was so pleased with himself. He honestly thought he would experience favor from the Lord because of his actions.



