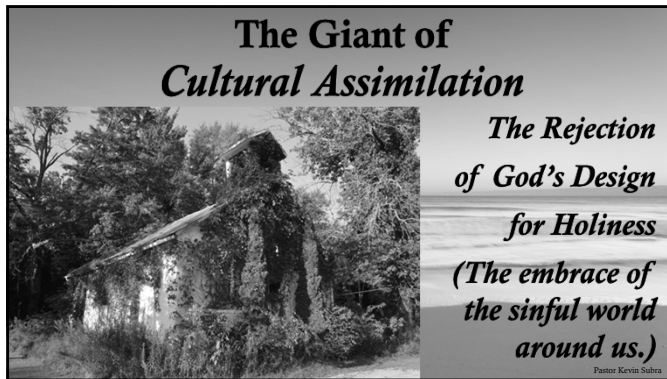




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Theme Verse:

The Promise (Joshua 1:9): "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

The Condition (Joshua 1:8): "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For *then* you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

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Overall Series Statement:

**You cannot get the *results*
God desires to give
while ignoring the *commands*
God has given.**

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"The Giant" = GOLIATH

Pre-Goliath problems in the time of the Judges...

Judges 2:8-23 paints a fearful trend seen throughout Israel's history.

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Judges 2:8-23

⁸ Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died *when he was* one hundred and ten years old. ⁹ And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

¹⁰ When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

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Judges 2:8-23

¹¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; ¹² and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³ They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

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Judges 2:8-23

¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. ¹⁵ Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

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Judges 2:8-23

¹⁶ Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. ¹⁷ Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so.

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Judges 2:8-23

¹⁸ And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.

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Judges 2:8-23

¹⁹ And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

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²⁰ Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice, ²¹ "I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, ²² "so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept *them*, or not."

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Judges 2:8-23

²³ Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

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The giants remained as a result of the disobedience and rebellion of the nation Israel.

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THE ISSUE

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The Giant of Cultural Assimilation

The WORLD Is an Ongoing Enemy of Our Spiritual Walk

- ◆ **John 15:18** "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.
- ◆ **John 17:14** "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

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- ◆ **1 John 5:19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one.

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- ◆ **Ephesians 2:1-3** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

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- ◆ **Ephesians 2:1-3** ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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The CHURCH Often Becomes Like the World Rather than Being a Spiritual Light to the World

- ◆ **James 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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THE WORD

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Preliminary Statements

- ◆ **As a Believer in Jesus, God Expects You to Be Different**
- ◆ **The Word Requires a Stark Contrast Between the World and the Believer**
- ◆ **Ask Yourself, *Am I Different than an Unbeliever in This Way?***

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1 Thes 4:3-8

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Obedience or disobedience. What drives you?

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