

## **The Eyes Have It: Beneath the Religious Veneer**

**Judges 17-19**

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Why is the liberal church so large and always shrinking?

Why do preachers and commentators avoid this text?

Does this story follow chronologically? What is its purpose?

Wanting to do the right thing

Externalism

Empty shell religion

There is a veneer of doing the right thing

Micah and his mom

Micah and his priest

Dan and their priest

The interpretative refrain

No King, doing what is right in one's own eyes

What kind of king?

Aren't we supposed to do right in our own eyes?

Dan

They enter their inheritance and give credit to God.

Where was the temple of God at the time?

Application

Anything worth doing, is worth doing right.

They were not trying to be hypocrites, and neither do we.