

# Bible readings

Judges 17 (p. 261)

Hebrews 4: 14 - 5:10 (p. 1204)

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Really?!

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DIY religion (v 6)

- shrine
- ephod
- household gods/idol

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*'And Micah said, 'Now I  
know that the LORD will  
be good to me, since this  
Levite has become my  
priest' (v. 13)*

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something right...

He realised he needed a  
priest

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Job 9: 32 to 35 (p. 516)

*'If only there was  
someone to mediate  
between us, someone to  
bring us together,....'*

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- **A sacrifice maker**

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- the man dies

- he can't adequately  
represent

- his sacrifices are just  
animal bodies and  
blood

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The damning verdict

Hebrews 10: 1 - 4



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Hebrews 4:14-16

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- having taken his perfect sacrifice into heaven (Heb. 9:24-26)

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## **Scene 4**

Your heart  
(now)

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## A great provision

Heb 7:26

***‘Such a high priest  
meets our need –one  
who is holy, blameless,  
pure, set apart from  
sinners, exalted above  
the heavens’***

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## A great invitation

Heb 4:16

*'Let us then approach  
God's throne of grace  
with confidence, so that  
we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help  
us in our time of need'*

*503 Before the throne of God above*