舊約中「易感的上帝」：士師記脈絡中的 10:6-16

The “Vulnerable” God in the Old Testament: 
Judg 10:6-16 in the Context of the Book of the Judges

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摘要：


在本文結語中，作者提到士 10:6-16 這段經文的現代關連性。上帝易感的特性呈現出一個不平常的上帝觀，給予今日神學的反省一些啟發，相關的討論值得繼續深入探討。

關鍵詞：士師記、上帝觀、易感性、悔改、申命記歷史
Abstract:

The "vulnerability" of God has become an important topic of theological research in recent years. This vulnerability points to a concept of God different from a more traditional one, namely the impossibility of God. This paper aims to demonstrate that Judg 10:6-16 presents a vulnerable God who cares about the welfare of the Israelites, even though they betray him again and again. First, Judg 10:6-16 shares a similar narrative structure with 2:11-19 and 3:7-11, representing Deuteronomistic style. Second, the narrative flow of Judg 10:6-16 is very particular within the structure of the Book of the Judges. On the one hand, the text emphasizes the repentance of the Israelites: they repent from serving foreign gods (10:6) and turn to serve Yahweh (10:16a). On the other hand, it articulates God's struggles: he is torn between refusing to save the Israelites (10:13-14) or having mercy on them (10:16b). The important key phrase here is in 10:16b, which renders "God's life became short (qvr nepeš) for the suffering of Israel" to describe the mercy of God. The struggle between his anger and mercy illustrates a characteristic of God's vulnerability.

In concluding this paper, the author seeks to identify meanings of Judg 10:6-16 which are relevant for today. The concept of a vulnerable God is a remarkable one, which bestows some insights for theological reflection today.

Key words: the book of the Judges, concept of God, vulnerability, repentance, Deuteronomistic History

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