

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Judges 6:1-24**  
**Wednesday February 20, 2013**

**Judges 6:11-16**

**Judges 6-8 – The account of Gideon**

**Judges 4-5 – Deborah & Barak: Deborah is unique in that she was the only woman that God gave a national leadership role to.**

**Isa 54:17**

**Deborah & Barak sing a song in Judges 5; The Land had rest for 40 years.**

**Judges 6 – God call’s Gideon.**

**1 Sam 16:7**

- 1. Verses 1-6 – The Cycle Repeated**
- 2. Verses 7-10 – The Prophet Is Sent**
- 3. Verses 11-17 – The Call And Commission**
- 4. Verses 17-24 – The Confirmation**

**1. Verses 1-6 – The Cycle Repeated:**

Judges 6:1

This becomes the 4th cycle (Go-Round) of the book of Judges: (Sin, Servitude, supplication, and salvation, Sin, Servitude, supplication, and salvation)

The Midianites – were actually distant relatives of the Israelites. Genesis 25, One of these sons was Midian.

Judges 6:2-5

Camels – are very quick, in excess of 30 MPH, they can travel 3-4 days without food and water, they can easily travel 300 miles laden with heavy packs.

Judges 6:6

“and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.” – Finally, after 7 years

## **2. Verses 7-10 – The Prophet Is Sent:**

Judges 6:7-8

Prophet – A prophet is one who speaks to man on behalf of God; Calling man back to God and back to His Word; Foretelling and more forth telling.

Israel's cry had been Regret rather than Repentance!

God said 2 things to Israel:

1. God's Grace And Faithfulness: Judges 6:8

Judges 6:9

2. Declares The Problem – Israel Is Disobedient: Judges 6:10

Deuteronomy 31:16-18

Matt 6:33

Hebrews 12:9-11

Discipline – "to train"; The key is to be trained by it – something Israel failed to do.

## **3. Verses 11-17 – The Call And Commission:**

Judges 6:11

"angel of the LORD" – This is a "Theophany, or Christophony", an OT appearance of the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ.

Gideon – "hewer"

Judges 6:12

The Angel didn't address him as he was, but as what he was going to become, as God began His transforming work in his life.

Eph 2:10 – workmanship is: "poeima where we get our word 'poem', and it actually means a masterpiece, a magnificent work of art"

Judges 6:13

## The Lord Deals With 3 Factors In Gideon's Life:

1. Verses 13-14 – Gideon Was Completely Discouraged: “Then Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us?”

Gideon felt that God had abandoned Israel when it was Israel who abandoned God.

Judges 6:14

“And the LORD looked at him and said,” – Wow God looked at Gideon!

“Go in this your strength” – The strength that God gave him by His presence with him – Verse 12: “The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.”

Ephesians 6:12 – “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,”

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Zech 4:6

Isaiah 40:29-31

2. Verses 15-16 – Gideon Said He Was Inadequate:

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

1 Cor 1 – God chose the weak things so that no one but He receives the Glory

2 Cor 12:7-10 – in weakness we are strong!

Hudson Taylor said, “All of God's great men have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His being with them; they counted on His faithfulness.”

3. Verse 17 – Gideon Doubted

#### **4. Verses 17-24 – The Confirmation:**

Judges 6:17-19

Gideon didn't give out of his surplus, but from his scarcity. For a sacrifice to be a sacrifice it must be a sacrifice.

Judges 6:20-24

The LORD is Peace. He was there in peace – Jehovah Shalom.

#### **Application:**

1. When God looks at a man, God see's the man as he truly is, and what the man can become.
2. Transformation Starts when we meet Jesus Christ.
3. Transformation continues as we abide in His presence and His presence abides in our life.
4. The strength that we need to fulfill what He calls us to comes from Him.