

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Judges 6:25-40**  
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**Judges 6:25-31**

**Judges 6-8 – is the account of Gideon**

**After the 40 years of rest brought by Deborah and Barak, Israel again does evil in the sight of the Lord.**

**This time it was the raiding bands of Midianites that oppressed them. They would swoop in on their camels and haul off all the produce of the land and leave Israel impoverished. This was going on for 7 years.**

**Gideon Is The 5<sup>th</sup> Judge Of Israel.**

**Gideon Had 3 Initial Reactions:**

- 1. Gideon Was Discouraged**
- 2. Gideon Says He Is Inadequate**
- 3. Gideon Had Doubt**

- 1. Verses 25-27 – False God’s Must Go**
- 2. Verses 28-32 – Reactions And Results**
- 3. Verses 33-35 – The Battle Line Is Drawn**
- 4. Verses 36-40 – Fleece Setting**

**1. Verses 25-27 – False God’s Must Go:**

Judges 6:25

Baal Must Go Before Midian Can Go: “pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it;”

The very first area that God calls Gideon to exercise his faith in is literally in his own backyard.

Asherah – a wooden pillar of the Canaanite goddess of fertility.

When God calls somebody into service, God is just as concerned with the minister as He is with the ministry.

The 1st Step of Restoration Is Always Repentance.

1 Timothy 3:4-5

“seven years old,” – represented the 7 years of bondage to Midian.

Judges 6:26

God’s Altar Cannot Be Built Until Baal’s Altar Is Destroyed: “and build an altar to the LORD your God”

Joshua 24:14-15

Judges 6:27

Matt 13:57

Most Difficult Place Of Ministry Is At Home!

Principles For Removing Bondage From Our Lives:

1. Sin Must Be Removed Before The Bondage Can Be Broken.
2. God Doesn’t Share His Worship.
3. The Change Begins In Our Own Backyards.

2 Timothy 2:20-21

## **2. Verses 28-32 – Reactions And Results:**

Judges 6:28

3 Results To Gideon’s Obedience:

1. Verses 28-30 – The Men Of The City Were Angry
2. Verse 31 – Transformation Of Gideon’s Father

If Baal is truly god, let him fight for himself – let him kill whoever destroyed his altar.

3. Verse 32 – Transformation Of Gideon

Gideon is now Jerubbaal – “let Baal contend” – Baal fighter, Baal conqueror; Gideon went against Baal and won.

### **3. Verses 33-35 – The Battle Line Is Drawn:**

Judges 6:33

Many times the difficulties, situations and battles in our lives are the ways in which God chooses to deliver and cause us to grow and change. James 1:2-4 – “count it all joy”, 1 Pet 1:6-7 – “greatly rejoice”, Rom 5:1-5 – “glory in tribulations”

Judges 6:34

“So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon;” – The actual Hebrew is “the Spirit of the Lord clothed Himself with Gideon”; A warrior putting on armor.

Zach 4:6

Judges 6:35

Revivals have always begun with the Spirit of God using the Word of God in the hearts of ordinary people open to the call of God.

### **4. Verses 36-40 – Fleece Setting:**

Judges 6:36

Judges 6:12

Judges 6:14

Judges 6:16

Judges 6:23

Judges 6:37 – 1st test – wet fleece & dry ground.

Gideon Was Not Ignorant Of God’s Will! Judges 6:36 – “as Thou hast spoken,”

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Gideon’s Problem Is Not Knowledge But Of Faith And Obedience!

Fleece Setting Is An Evidence Of Doubt, Not Faith: Judges 6:37

Fleece Setting Is Dictating To God: Judges 6:37

Why should God suspend the laws of nature because a man told Him to?

Judges 6:38

Fleece Setting Does Not Solve The Problem: Judges 6:39-40; 2nd test – dry fleece and wet ground.

### How Do We Determine God's Will?

1. God gives us a guide, it is the Holy Spirit; Must have a personal relationship with God.
2. We have His Written Word – He will never go against the principles and precepts.
3. Circumstances and situations – open & closed doors.
4. Confirmation from mature believers; Advice is only as good as its source.

### **Application: What produces a changed life?**

1. We Must Have A Firsthand Contact With The Lord Jesus Christ (Knowing About Him Is Not The Same As Knowing Him!).
2. Must Publicly And Decisively Commit Ourselves To Jesus In Obedience.
3. We Must Be Filled With The Holy Spirit: Every Christian.