

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Judges 7:1-25
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Judges 7:1-8

Judges 6-8 – is the account of Gideon

Judges 6 – Before God uses Gideon, God had to get his own personal life in order.

Gideon would have to renounce sin personally before he could lead the nation of Israel to victory.

The Holy Spirit came upon him to empower him.

God began to assemble additional men around him.

Hebrews 11:6

The enemy of faith is Self-Confidence; Trust or reliance in one’s own abilities! God want’s ever-increasing Dependence upon Him.

1. Verses 1-8 – The Preparation Of The Army

2. Verses 9-15 – The Preparation Of Gideon

3. Verses 16-25 – The Battle And Victory

1. Verses 1-8 – The Preparation Of The Army:

Judges 7:1

Jerubbaal – “the Baal fighter, Baal conqueror”; Gideon is empowered by the Spirit according to Judges 6:34

Judges 8:10 – they numbered 132,000 people.

Judges 7:2

Judges 7:3 – 32,000, Judges 8:10 – they numbered 132,000

Isaiah 42:8

2 Corinthians 4:7

Judges 7:3

The First Test – The Test Of Fearlessness: “Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.”

Why did God want the fearful people to leave?

1. The origin and nature of fear: Fear comes from focusing on the problem and not on God, who is bigger than any problem.
2. Fear is contagious.
3. God had already given a standing order for fearlessness in battle.

Deuteronomy 20:1-4

Deuteronomy 20:8

The Second Test – The Test of Single-Mindedness: Judges 7:4

God was looking for people who had a sense of urgency & fervency. He wanted people with an intense devotion or attentiveness to the task.

Judges 7:5

“laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps,” – Would they place their human needs without regard to the enemy at hand?

“as well as everyone who kneels to drink.” – They were alert and ever mindful of the enemy.

1 Peter 5:8

Judges 7:6-7

Leviticus 26:6-8

2. Verses 9-15 – The Preparation Of Gideon:

Judges 7:9

The Command – “Arise, go down against the camp,”

The Promise Was That Of Victory – “for I have given it into your hands.”

Judges 7:10-13

Barley – is poor man’s food, the food of slaves and animals.

Physically – Israel had no food; it was constantly taken by the Midianites.

Spiritually – Israel had become slaves, eating slave food rather than victorious conquerors eating the rich bounty of the land

Judges 7:14-15

That night Gideon came to the realization that it wasn’t him & his 300 against the 135,000 Midianites, BUT it was God

2 Kings 6:16-18

2 Chronicles 20:15

1 Sam 17:47

Psalms 103:13-14

3. Verses 16-25 – The Battle And Victory:

Judges 7:16

The Weapons: horns (To Blow), empty pitchers (To Shatter), torches (To Shine), a voice (To Shout) – no swords, arrows or shields!

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

Judges 7:17-22

“the LORD set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole army;”

Judges 7:23-25

Colossians 2:15

We Fight From Victory, Not For Victory!

2 Chronicles 14:11

Application:

1. The Enemy Of Faith Is Self-Confidence; Trust Or Reliance In One's Own Abilities! God Want's Ever-Increasing Dependence Upon Him.
2. When We Trust God And He Does Great Things For & With Us, There Is The Danger Of The Temptation To Take The Credit For Ourselves.
3. When God Chose The Army, He Was Looking For Those Who Had A Sense Of Urgency & Fervency. God Wanted People With An Intense Devotion Or Attentiveness To The Task.
4. The Believers Weapons Are Not Of The Flesh, But Are Spiritual, Prayer & The Word of God.
5. We Fight From Victory, Not For Victory.