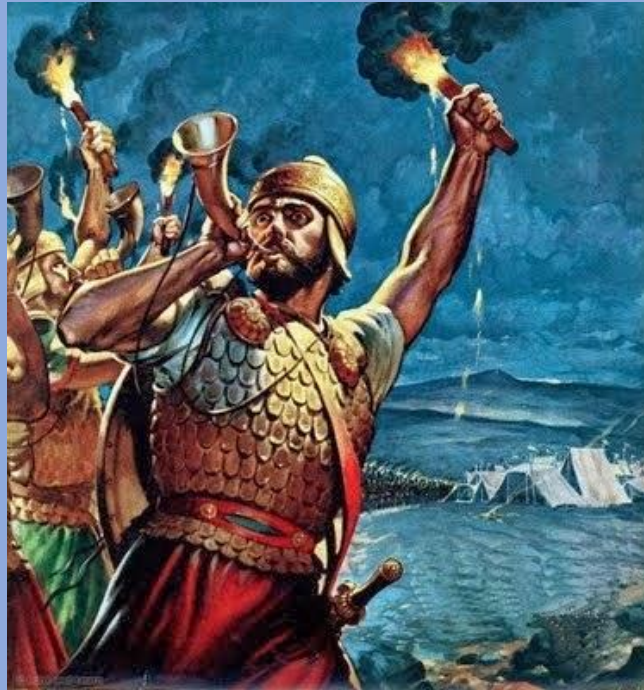


Gideon: *A Valiant Warrior* *Judges 6-7*



GIDEON (Judges 6)

I. Israel's Oppression (Judges 6:1-10)

A. Sin (Judges 6:1)

B. Subjugation (Judges 6:2-7)

C. Supplication (Judges 6:8-10)

II. Gideon's Appointment as Saviour

(Judges 6:11-24)

A. Gideon's Perplexity

- He Questions God's faithfulness
(Judges 6:11-14; see Heb. 11:32)

Lesson:

***God's Chastening is an
evidence of His
Faithfulness rather
than the Lack of it.***

B. Gideon's Polite Refusal

- He expresses lack of social position
(Judges 6:15-16)

Lesson:

God's Presence,

Not our Social Status,

is the Assurance of

our Spiritual Victories.

C. Gideon's Skepticism

- He asks for a sign that the messenger is God's angel
(Judges 6:17-24)

Three signs:

- 1. The angel abstains from eating***
(Judges 6:20)
- 2. The appearance of fire from the rock consuming the materials of the meal*** ***(Judges 6:21)***
- 3. The miraculous disappearance of the angel*** ***(Judges 6:21)***

Lesson:

***Our decisions should
be based on God's word
not on the signs.***

**III. Gideon Wages War Against the
Baal Cult**
(Judges 6:25-32)

The LORD commanded Gideon to:

A. Destroy his father's altar

(Judges 6:25)

B. Cut down the sacred post next to

it – symbol of the goddess

Asherah (Judges 6:25)

C. Build an altar to the LORD

(Judges 6:26)

Lesson:

We cannot have an altar to Yahweh and an altar to Baal. They are mutually exclusive.

IV. The Military Mustering (Judges 6:33-35)

Lesson:

***The world may have
military might, but God's
people have divine
equipment.***

V. The Signs of the Fleece

(Judges 6:36-40)

“Putting out Fleece” –

“It is not the absence of faith but the caution of faith we see here”

(Dale Ralph Davis)

***God is not ashamed to
stoop down and reassure
us in our fears.***

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