

April 1/Day 91

Judges 6

Verses 1-6

- What did the sons of Israel do, again? Do you see a pattern?
- What did they lose because of their idolatry? In case you don't remember from the past couple of days, the passages end with the number of years Israel was at peace and at rest. So, they lost their peace, their rest, and their freedom due to their disobedience and their idolatry.
- What happened to their produce? They couldn't just run off to the grocery store like we can these days.
- What happened to their livestock? They couldn't just run off to the butcher for meat, or the grocery for dairy.
- Because there were so many enemies, how did they appear to the Israelites?
- What does the last phrase of this passage say?

Verses 7-10

- They cried to the LORD, but what did He say in this last phrase?

Verses 11-18

- Do you remember who the angel of the LORD is? He is Jesus prior to His coming in the flesh.
- Why was Gideon beating out the wheat in the wine press? Wheat is beaten outside in the open spaces so the wind can pick up the chaff and blow it away. So, what was Gideon doing hiding in the wine press?
- What does the angel of the LORD call Gideon? Do you find this ironic based on the story so far?
- Read verse 13. Now read it again. What application can we gain from this?
- Was Gideon excited about his charge to deliver Israel? What excuses did he make?
- How did the angel of the LORD encourage Gideon?
- What did Gideon ask to see? I have heard teachers say this was immature of Gideon to ask for a sign, but its not every day a man was greeted by a pre-incarnate Christ. Do you think he wanted to make sure? Of course, he was frightened, but I think this is what makes him want to be extra careful. We will see that fear didn't stop him, he moved forward in obedience anyway. That's faith, not an absence of fear but moving forward despite fear.
- Did the angel of the LORD comply? Or did He condemn him for his request? Did He condemn him for his fear? What does this tell us then, about Jesus's character?

Verses 19-24

- What a beautiful picture of Gideon providing an offering to the LORD!

- Did the LORD receive his offering?
- Here we see another name for God, Jehovah Shalom.

Verses 25-27

- The LORD gave instructions to Gideon that could have had him killed. Was he afraid? But did he obey?

Verses 28-32

- What did the men of the city want to do to Gideon?
- Describe the wisdom of Joash.
- What nickname did they give Gideon?

Verses 33-35

- What came upon Gideon that pushed him into action?

Verses 36-40

- Gideon asks for another sign. Does God comply? Do you think this is an encouragement for Gideon?

Judges 7

Verses 1-3

- If Israel fought with all available men, what were they liable to think?
- Which men were sent home first?
- How many remained?

Verses 4-8

- How was it decided who would stay and who would go home?
- How many men stayed to fight against Midian?

Verses 9-14

- Who did Gideon take with him to spy out the Midianite camp?
- Who had come to fight with Midian?
- How many were there according to the description?
- Describe the man's dream and its interpretation.

Verses 15-18

- What is the first thing Gideon did upon confirmation from the LORD through this dream?
- How were the men divided?
- What were the battle instructions? What?

Verses 19-23

- Why did the men make all this noise in the night? What did this cause?
- What did the opposing army do?

Verses 24-25

See you tomorrow.