

Paging Through the Scriptures

Gideon the Judge and His Legacy

Judges 6-9

1. God's Faithfulness to Faithless Israel (Judges 6:1-10)
Israel was under severe oppression from Midian (vs.4-6) because of their wickedness. When Israel cried out to God because of their oppression God graciously sent a prophet to them in order to remind them of all of God's goodness and faithfulness to them (vs.7-10).
2. God Visits and Instructs Gideon (Judges 6:11-27)
God has been pleased to manifest Himself before men at different times and for different reasons (Gen 18:1; Ex 13:21 John 1:14).
 - A. Gideon Asks for A Sign: Gideon was a man of weak faith, but he was a man of faith. Here Gideon gives the first glimpse of the timidity of his faith (v.17ff).
 - B. God Grants Gideon A Sign: Gideon's offering, which he prepared for the angel of the Lord, was instantly consumed by fire as a sign verifying who He was (vs.20-21; cf. 1 Kings 18:38).
 - C. Gideon Continues to Show His Weak Faith: Even after the clear testimony that it was God who was instructing him, Gideon's fear delayed his action (v.27).
3. God Provokes Midian and Amalek to War (Judges 6:28-35)
4. Gideon's Weak Faith on Display (Judges 6:36-40)
 - A. Gideon Asks for a Sign (vs.36-38)
 - B. Gideon Asks for Another Sign (vs.39-40)
5. Gideon's 300 Men (Judges 7:1-23)
6. Israel Destroys the Armies of Midian (Judges 7:24-8:21)
7. Israel Attempts to Make Gideon King and 40 Years of Peace (Judges 7:22-32)
8. King Abimelech (Judges 9)