

Judges 6-8 - Lesson 9 - Gideon

The Events	His Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God hands them over to Midianites for 7 years (6:1) - They came in and destroyed everything (3-6) - The people were hiding (2) - God sent a prophet - God did all this for you - but you will not obey Him (7-10) - Gideon in winepress beating out the wheat - God appears to him - God sees potential (11-13) - God sends Gideon out to deliver the people - I will be with you (14-16) - God provides the sign (19-24) - peace and assurance - Tear down the altar of Baal (25-26) - God asks Gideon to start with his own family - Men of the city sought to put Gideon to death (28-30) - His father renamed him - Jerubbaal - let Baal contend for himself (31-32) - the enemies assemble (33) - Spirit of the Lord comes on Gideon (34) - Gideon's fleece (37-40) - Gideon's army heads out to fight (7:1-3) - Army is reduced to 300 men (4-8) - God offers Gideon a sign (9-11) - army runs in fear - killing each other (19-23) - Ephraim is called to help - killed 2 Midianite kings named Oreb and Zeeb (24-25) - Ephraim complains but they are calmed (8:1-3) - Continue to pursue 15,000 and the other 2 kings (4-12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shows his ignorance and his <u>fear</u> - see lack of faith - God has abandoned us (13) - I can't least of Manasseh, youngest - looks only to what he can do - <u>fear</u> (15) - Gideon wants a sign - <u>fear</u>, lack of faith (17-18) - Gideon does it at night - <u>fear</u> (27) - even though he was afraid he still did it - Gideon assembles an army (33-34) - Gideon asks for assurance - <u>fear</u> (36) - went down to the camp - <u>fear</u> (7:10-11) - Gideon overheard a dream - bowed in worship (13-15) - Gideon organized his men (16-18) - took vengeance on Succoth (13-21)

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His Fleece	His Finish
<p>Purpose - to know the will of God</p> <p>Problem - God already told him what to do (6:36)</p> <p>Procedure - I will do - You will do - then I'll know (37)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gideon is the leader of all this - Puts God in a box - tells Him what He needs to do - Then I'll know what You have already told me <p>Warning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - don't seek signs (Mt 12:39) - Don't put God to the test (Mt 4:7) <p>Will of God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand what the will of God is (Eph 5:17) - Desire to do His will (Jn 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40) - Will know His will if we are willing to do His will (Jn 7:17) - Process - dedication - daily living sacrifice - dying to self - not being conformed to the world but transformed (Ro 12:1-2) - Pray to know His will that we might be pleasing to Him (Col 1:9-12) - Trust in Him, acknowledge Him, He will make paths straight (Pr 3:5-6) - His peace will rule in our hearts (Col 3:15) 	<p>Israel wanted to make Gideon king (8:22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the gave credit for victory to Gideon not to God - Went against the will of God to make Gideon king <p>Gideon's response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I won't rule over you nor will my sons (22) - God will rule over you (23) <p>Downfall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - took the crescent ornaments for himself (the kingly ornaments (21) - He wanted spoils given to him (24-26) - Makes an ephod - high priestly - places it in his city (27) - became a snare to Gideon and household - The people played the harlot with it - Gideon initiated and encouraged false pagan worship - Had many wives - son of a concubines (30) - Son Abimelech (31) = #H40 - "My father is king" <p>He dies (32)</p> <p>Israel played the harlot again (33)</p> <p>Forgot God and Gideon (34-35)</p>