

The Call of Gideon Judges 6:1-40

Crosswords Sunday School

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Outline:

1. The **Disobedience** of Israel (1:1 – 2:26)
2. The Regional **Deliverance** of Israel (3:1 – 16:21)
3. The **Depravity** of Israel (17:1 – 21:25)

Theme:

God compassionately delivers His people throughout the different geographical areas of His promised land. His power is displayed through the appointment of His judges. In using weak instruments (judges) to accomplish His purposes, God receives all the glory!

I. The Cycle Continues (1-6)

6:1a- "...Israel did what was **evil** in the sight of the Lord..."

6:1b- "...the **LORD** gave them into the hands of **Midian** seven years."

2a- "...The power of **Midian** prevailed against Israel."

6:6b- "...Israel **cried** to the LORD."

6:14b- God chooses Gideon to "...**deliver** Israel from the hand of Midian."

1. The _____ They Embraced (1a)
2. The _____ They Endured (1b – 6)

II. God Sends a Message (7-10)

1. They Are Reminded of God's _____ (8b – 9a)
2. They Are Reminded of God's _____ (9b)
3. They Are Reminded of God's _____ (10)

III. Gideon is Visited & Raised up to be a Deliverer (11-24)

1. Gideon's Poor _____ (11)
2. Gideon's _____ (12)
3. Gideon's _____ (13-16)
4. Gideon's _____ (16-24)

IV. **First Things First - Spiritual Cleansing Begins at Home (25-32)**

1. The _____ God Delivers (25-26)
2. The _____ of Gideon (27a)
3. The _____ of Obeying God (28-32)

V. **Preparations for War (33-40)**

1. Gideon's _____ (33&34)
2. Gideon's _____ (34-35)
3. Gideon's _____ (36-40)

Applications

1. Worshipping God should always come before serving & doing exploits for God - (v24 comes before v27)
2. In our Christian journey, it will always do us good to remember, rehearse, and rest upon the promises of God's Word - (vs. 12, 14, 16)
3. Before we engage in spiritual pursuits & ministries, we need to take care of 'first things first' – making sure that we sanctify our own hearts – perform a spiritual housecleaning – repent & forsake our sin - (see vs 25-27 1 Peter 3:15)
4. God is pleased to use weak instruments that He pulls from His divine tool box - (See Gideon's weaknesses in vs 11, 13, 15, 17, 27, 37 1 Samuel 16:7,12 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)