

The Call of Gideon

Judges 6:1-40

“The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.” (verse 12b)

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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 Sin They Embraced (1a)

2. The Suffering They Endured (1b – 6)

II. God Sends a Message (7-10)

- 1. They Are Reminded of God's Past Deliverance (8b – 9a)**
- 2. They Are Reminded of God's Deeds – (9b)**
- 3. They Are Reminded of God's Demands – (10)**

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

- 1. Gideon's Poor Circumstances (11)**
- 2. Gideon's Commission (12)**
- 3. Gideon's Confusion (13-16)**
- 4. Gideon's Confirmation (16-24)**

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

- 1. The Command God Delivers (25-26)**
- 2. The Compliance of Gideon (27a)**
- 3. The Consequences of Obeying God (28-32)**

V. Preparations for War (33-40)

- 1. Gideon's Faith (33&34)**
- 2. Gideon's Following (34-35)**
- 3. Gideon's Fleece (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)