

God Is With Us – Judges 6-8

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The angel of the Lord appeared to [Gideon] and said to him, The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior (6:12).

Introduction

“Gideon” is a common word for a common man. It means “_____.”

Gideon was the son of _____, an obscure man in Ophrah. He was from the tribe of _____, the weakest of the twelve tribes. A nobody from nowhere. Yet the angel called him “a mighty man of valour” (KJV).

The Midianites

Judges 6 pictures a dark situation. Times were hard. When the Israelites came out of Egypt and Moses died and was buried by God, Joshua was charged to _____ the people into the promised land. Then God said something that is bewildering to us. He said, “Drive the inhabitants out. You will _____ out of their wells. You will _____ their houses. You will _____ their crops. Run them out!”

What did the people do?

If God came to preach to us, He perhaps would say to us: “_____.”

Who were the Midianites?

The nation of Israel was in total _____. We cannot imagine how bad it was. Starvation. Malnutrition. No religion. No government. No economy. No future.

The Man, Gideon

What did the angel say to Gideon? First, he said, “_____.” Second, he said, “You are a _____ man of _____.”

Was he?

What does Gideon say to God? First, he asks, "Why are _____ so bad?" Second, he says, "I am _____."

The angel responds, "Gideon I will be with you." That is all God has ever promised us. Can we do anything? Sure, we can. Why? God is with us. He did not promise him an army or money. He said, "God will be with you." It is kind of simple, but that is all we need.

What animals does Gideon offer up to God? Hint: There are 2.

In Judges 7 how many men showed up to fight with Gideon? _____ How many were ultimately chosen by God? _____ How big was the Midianites army? _____

When God is with us does it matter how many we face? Why?

What dominated the two kings even at their death? _____

The Mistake

Did Gideon want to be king over Israel? What did he desire?

What else hurt the legacy of Gideon? Hint: Deuteronomy 17:17

How many years of peace and prosperity did they enjoy because of "a mighty man of valour?"

Conclusion

The great lesson of Gideon's life is _____ can be with us. Is God with you? Are you with God?