

**“Gideon: A Mighty Man of Valor”**

Judges 6:11-24

**THE CRY OF GIDEON. v.11-13****1. The angel of the LORD ‘came and sat’ under a tree at Gideon’s family property. v.11**

- The *angel of the LORD* is used synonymously with *the LORD*. Ref. v.12, 14, 16 aka. “theophany”
- The angel of the LORD showed up while Gideon was working during the harvest. Ref. 6:3-4

**2. The angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon. v.12**

- Other OT references indicate that the angel of the LORD appeared in a form like a man.
- “The LORD is with you...O mighty man of valor.”

**3. Gideon’s cry. v.13**

- Why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonderful deeds? The LORD has forsaken us.

**THE CALL OF GIDEON. v.14-16****1. The LORD commissioned Gideon. v.14**

- You are chosen for this assignment: save Israel from the hand of Midian.

**2. Midian’s honest assessment: “How can I save Israel?” v.15**

- My clan is the weakest of my tribe and I am the least in my own family! Ref. 1 Timothy 4:12

**3. The LORD’s honest reply: “But I will be with you.” v.16**

- There is power in the certainty of the commission, but greater power in the promise of His presence!
- Similar to Moses in Exodus 3. (Ref. Exodus 3:10-12)

**GIDEON’S RESPONSE. v.17-24****1. Gideon asks for assurance. v.17-18**

- “present” = Heb. *minhă* a freewill offering in Israel’s sacrificial system

**2. Gideon offered a sacrifice to the LORD. v.19-21**

- He prepared a sacrificial meal and offered it to the LORD. v.19-20
- The LORD accepted Gideon’s sacrifice—shown by the offering being consumed by fire. v.21
- It is important to note that this is the LORD Himself. An ordinary angel would never do this. Rev. 22:8-9
- Then the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight—but *not the presence of the LORD*.

**3. Gideon realized he had seen the LORD. v.22-23**

- No one can see the face of the LORD and live. Gen. 16:13; 32:30; Ex 20:19; 33:20; Judges 13:22

**4. Gideon built an altar. v.24**

- An altar is a place of worship and a place of remembrance.
- What was he remembering? He had seen the LORD—and lived.
- *Jehovah-shalom* = “The LORD is Peace”

→ **The PEACE of God is transferred through the accepted SACRIFICE.**

A sinful man, part of a sinful people, from a sinful heritage.

God: I have a plan for you!

Gideon: I am unworthy.

God: I will be with you!

A sacrifice is offered → Peace is established.

→ Romans 5:1: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Next week’s text: Judges 6:25-40)