

I. The Angel of the LORD Meets with Gideon (vv 11-16).**A. The Angel of the LORD meets with Gideon**

- 1) Who is the Angel of the LORD?
 - a) One who is God in essence
 - i. Directly referred to as Jehovah, and not just the Angel of Jehovah (v 14)
 - ii. Speaks not just on behalf of God but as God (v 14, 16)
 - iii. Calls for and accepts a sacrifice (v 20)
 - iv. Gideon says that He has seen God face to face, but the Lord comforts Him by saying He will not die, so as to confirm the Deity of the Son (v 23)
 - b) One who is distinct from God in person
 - i. He is called the messenger of Jehovah, as the Son is sent of the Father
 - ii. He speaks not just as God, but also on behalf of the Father (v 12)
 - 2) Setting of Gideon's activity as indicative of his character (v 11)
 - a) Gideon was a man who was brought low, and yet received it humbly.
 - b) Gideon was a man who refused idleness.
 - c) Gideon was a man who knew both God's Word and understood the times.
 - 3) Doctrines from the Point
 - a) It is God who takes the initiative, both in sending the prophet and now Himself.
 - b) This gives to us a rich theology of the Lord's Supper, for it is there in the house of bread and wine, the Lord comes to meet with Gideon.
- B. The Lord's and Gideon's conversation**
- 1) Pattern: God's promise/precept → Gideon's retort.
 - 2) Three Interactions between God and Gideon (c.f. Dt 31:16-18)

II. The LORD Grants a Sign to Gideon (vv 17-21).

- A.** The request by Gideon
- B.** The grace of God
- C.** The Sign from God which began as a meal becomes a Peace Offering, seven elements of which are instructive to us regarding the

sacrifice of Christ for our sins.

- 1) *Take the meat*
 - 2) *And unleavened cakes*
 - 3) *Put them on this rock*
 - 4) *Pour the broth over them*
 - 5) *Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes*
 - 6) *Fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes* — This is a sign of three things:
 - a) The wrath of God in consuming the sacrifice.
 - b) The pleasure of God in receiving the offering (Isa 53:10)
 - c) The acceptance of God in the satisfaction of the offering.
 - 7) *And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight*
- D. Uses from the Text**
- 1) We have the sign of Jonah as the assurance of our salvation (Mt 12:38-41)
 - 2) God has given us His Word and Spirit as the assurance of His truth (Jn 16:13)
 - 3) God has given us the sacraments as signs and seals of righteousness (Rom 4:11).

III. Jehovah-Shalom, The LORD is Peace (vv 22-24).

- A.** Gideon's right fear of death (Ex 33:19-20)
 - 1) For Gideon (Exodus 33:19-20)
 - 2) For us
- B.** The gracious assurance of pardon (Jdg 2:1-2, 5:23; Jn 3:17; Isa 53:5)
- C.** The Names of God up to this point
 - 1) Jehovah Jireh (Gen 22:14) — The LORD will provide
 - 2) Jehovah Rophecha (Ex 15:26) — The LORD your Healer
 - 3) Jehovah Nissi (Ex 17:15) — The LORD my Banner
 - 4) Jehovah Mekoddishkem (Ex 31:13) — The LORD Who sanctifies you
 - 5) Jehovah Shalom — *The LORD is Peace*
- D.** Uses from the Text
 - 1) Let us put off anxiety and all other sins (Phil 5b-7)
 - 2) Let us have the Lord as our peace (Num 25:6-13; Eph 2:13-16)
 - 3) Let us mark these moments in our prayers, our memories, and our testimonies of God's providential work in our life.
 - 4) Let us have our eyes fixed upon the Lord (Isa 26:3)