



“Gideon’s Victory and End”
Judges 7-8

Romans 4:2-3; Genesis 12:1-4

- I. A man who had obeyed God in _____ idols (6:25-27) prepares to obey God in _____ Israel from the Midianites et al (6:33-35).
- This man of faith had earlier required a sign and now requests _____ (6:36-40).
 - After granting Gideon’s signs, God pairs down Gideon’s troops from 32,000, to _____, then to _____ men (7:1-8).

Colossians 3:23

- II. God then offers a fourth sign for Gideon if he is fearful— revelation by a dream given through the _____ (7:9-14).
- Gideon _____ and obeys (7:15).
 - Gideon executes his plan and God gives this small band of 300 soldiers _____ over thousands (7:16-23).
 - Gideon calls out the tribe of _____ to finish the task and Midian kills the Midianite commanders Oreb and Zeeb (7:24-25).

III. In cleaning up the battle, Gideon behaves in a

_____ fashion towards Ephraim and _____ the distrusting men of Succoth and Penuel (8:1-9).

- After _____ and killing the men of Succoth and Penuel (possibly Israelis of the tribe of Gad, cf. Joshua 13:27), Gideon _____ the kings of the Midianites, Zebah and Zalmunna (8:10-21).
- Gideon answers Israel’s request to be king rightly by saying “no” with his _____, but his _____ seem inconsistently similar to those of a Canaanite king: collecting the lion’s share of booty, claiming the king’s purple garments, creating his own religious worship, “sits” (v. 29 on a throne?) in his house, polygamy (70 sons), and naming one son Abimelech (meaning My father [is] king) (8:22-35).

James 4:15; Ezekiel 37:23; John 3:16-18