

21 June 2020

## Gideon Defeats the Midianites <sup>1</sup>

**Lesson Text:** Judges 7:9-21

**Related Scriptures:** Judges 7:9-25; Isaiah 41:10-14  
II Chronicles 20:14-17; Leviticus 26:3-8

**TIME:** 1191 B.C.

**PLACE:** Near the Hill of Morah

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**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.” (Judges 7:14)*

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### Scripture Lesson Text

#### Judges 7:9-21

9 And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

**10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:**

11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host.

**12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.**

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

**14 And his fellow answered and said, this is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.**

15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

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<sup>1</sup> Union Gospel Press, Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Summer Quarter, June, July, August 2020; the Call of Gideon, 14 June 2020, page 32

**16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.**

17 And he said unto them, look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

**18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.**

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and break the pitchers that were in their hands.

**20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and break the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.**

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

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### **Lesson Aim**

**Facts:** To accept that God is able to use anyone who is willing to be faithful and obedient to Him.

**Principle:** To learn that the weakest person who trust and obeys the Lord is stronger than the mightiest person who trust in himself.

**Application:** To know that even when we do not understand what God is doing, it is important to always trust Him.

**Introduction:** After choosing the self-professed weakest family member of the weakest clan in Manasseh, God assigned an army to Gideon. Instead of recruiting troops for Gideon's military, however, God whittled the army down from thirty-two thousand soldiers to a mere three hundred.

### **I. Developing the Lesson (Judges 6:11-24)**

- a. The Midianites Fear Gideon (Judges 7:9-14)
- b. God delivers Midian to Gideon (Judges 7:15-21)

### **II. Studying the Text- (Judges 6:11-15)**

- a. God's Promise of Victory (Judges 7:9-14)

- b. Deliverance Determined** (Judges 7:9-10)
- c. Doubt Dispelled** (Judges 7:11-12)
- d. Dream Described** (Judges 7:13-14)
- e. Gods Plan of Attack (Judges 7:15-18)**
  - i. Interpretation accepted (Judges 7:15-16)
  - ii. Instruction offered (Judges 7:17-18)
- f. God's Power (Judges 7:19-21)**
  - i. Trumpets blown (Judges 7:19)
  - ii. Triumph assured (Judges 7:20-21)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Closing Prayer**

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**Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship**

**For: 28 June 2020**

**Samson Against the Philistines**

**Monday**-Samson's Calling and Birth (**Judges 13:1-24**)

**Tuesday**- Samson's First Compromise (**Judges 14:1-9**)

**Wednesday**- Samson's Toying with the Philistines (**Judges 14:10-20**)

**Thursday**- Samson's Vengeance (**Judges 15:1-8**)

**Friday**-The Lord is My Strength (**Psalms 118:10-14**)

**Saturday**-Water for the Thirsty (**Isaiah 41:17-20**)

**Sunday**-Samson's Amazing Exploits (**Judges 15:9-20**)