

Bible Study. Gideon Judges Ch. 6

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Another Structure of Judges (David. W. Gooding)

Intro A (1:1-2:5)

Intro B (2:6-3:6)

Othniel (3:7-11)

Ehud and Shamgar (3:12-31)

Ideal (with peace)

Deborah and Barak (4:1-5:31)

Gideon (6:1-8:32)

Abimelech, Tola, Jair (8:33-10:5)

Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon (10:6-12:15)

Largely Negative

Samson (13:1-16:31)

(no peace period)

Conclusion B (17:1-18:31)

Conclusion A (19:1-21:25)

3. Read Judges Ch. 6

4. Discussion

- a. How do you see the situation of Israel in verses 1-10? The story shows the pattern of Israel's Apostasy, result of apostasy (oppression/suffering), people's crying, divine appointment of a judge, salvation, and peace. But do you see anything unique in Gideon's story?
- b. What do you see in the prophet's statement in verses 8-10?
- c. God sent the angel to Gideon and called him to the mission of liberation. Does this story remind you of any similar story in the Bible? How similar are they?
- d. What do you see in the conversation between the angel and Gideon?
- e. Why do you think the angel called Gideon the mighty warrior in verse 12?
- f. Gideon asked three questions: why people suffered, why God stopped working, and why God abandoned people. How do you see Gideon's spirituality in those questions?
- g. How do you understand Gideon's response to God's calling in v. 15? And how do you understand God's response to Gideon's response in v. 16?

- h. How do you understand Gideon's obedience to God's command to destroy the idols and build the altar to God? (v. 25-27)
- i. How do you understand Joash's (Gideon's father) response to the townspeople? (v. 31)
- j. Gideon was looking for two signs before going to the war. What are the similarities and differences between them?

5. Closing Prayer



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