

Judges Class 4 - Gideon, part 1 (6:1 - 7:25)

Read Judges 6:1-10

- Describe the situation in Israel:
- What's different about God's response on this occasion?

Read Judges 6:11-32

- What does conversation between Gideon and the angel say about him? About God?
- What do you make of the sacrifice that Gideon prepares?
- Does the household idol incident make you more or less confident in Gideon?

Read Judges 6:33 - 7:25

- Who is called and who responds to the battle call? (see 5:14-18 and 8:1)
- How should we interpret the fleece story in light of the entire Gideon story?
- What is God's general reason for thinning Gideon's army?
 - What's the purpose of the first 'test'? (7:3)
 - What's the purpose of the second 'test'? (7:4-8)
- Is God telling Gideon to go 'eavesdrop'? Offering the opportunity? Why do this?
- What does the dream and its interpretation teach Gideon?
- Describe the tactics of Gideon's army and how it might have worked.
- Who is enlisted to "finish the job" in 7:24-25?