

UNLIKELY LEADERS WITH AMAZING POWER

"A Fearful Mighty Warrior"

Judges 6:1-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Question:** Have you ever felt abandoned by God?
 - a) Almost as if God has taken a leave of absence?
 - b) You pray and it seems like God's not listening?
2. **Judges 2:16, 18**
3. **John 9:31**
 - a) There is a difference in American Christianity and Bible Christianity.

I. THE CONSEQUENCES OF CHOICES

A. THE CHOICE TO DISOBEY

1. **Judges 6:1**
2. Three words pretty much sums up Israel's sin during this time:
 - a) **Infidelity** - They were unfaithful to God
 - 1) So it is with Christians.
 - a. **2 Corinthians 11:2-3**
 - b. **Ephesians 5:25-27**
 - c. **Revelation 10:6-8**
 - b) **Idolatry** - They worshipped other Gods
 - 1) Anything you love more than God is an idol.
 - c) **Intermarriage** - They married the evil Canaanites and corrupted the purity of their faith.
3. **Galatians 6:7**

B. THE PRICE OF DISOBEDIENCE

1. "Sins advertised price is always less than what it cost"
2. **Jeremiah 2:19**

3. Notice the **COST** for their disobedience:

a) **GOD HANDED THEM OVER**

1) Vs 1b

a. *"and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years"*

b) **NOW UNDER THE HAND OF THEIR ENEMY**

1) Vs 2a

a. *"And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel"*

c) **THEY LIVED IN FEAR**

1) Vs 2b

d) **THEY WERE DESTITUTE**

1) Vs 3-5

e) **THEY WERE CRUSHED**

1) Vs 6

2) **AND WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?**

a. Deuteronomy 28:1-10 (Turn to)

b. Deuteronomy 28:15-25

3) *Galatians 6:7*

C. THE CRY FOR DELIVERANCE

1. Vs 6

a) *"And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD"*

2. Vs 7-10

a) **Now they are going to listen and be reminded!!!**

1) **NOT** *"Yeah I know, I know."*

b) **Here's the list!!!**

1) I saved you and set you free.

a. **Vs 7-8**

2) I delivered you from your enemies.

a. **Vs 9**

3) And I blessed you.

a. **Vs 9c** *"and gave you their land"*

II. THE CALL OF A CAUTIOUS COMMANDER

A. JESUS SHOWS UP

1. Vs 11

2. FOUR MARVELOUS TRUTHS ABOUT HIMSELF

a) God knows what nobody else knows.

1) *Psalm 34:4*

b) God goes where others cannot go.

1) Vs 12

2) Who is the angel of the LORD?

a) **Christophony** - a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ

b) *Joshua 5:13-15*

c) God gives what others cannot give.

1) Vs 12

a) *"The LORD is with you"*

d) God sees what others cannot see.

1) Vs 12

a. *"O mighty man of valor"*

B. GIDEON ARGUES

1. Vs 13

a) *"If"*

1) *"If" -*

2. Vs 13

a) *"Why"*

1) *Deuteronomy 30:15-18*

3. Vs 13

a) *"where"*

4. Vs 13

a) *"But"*

5. Vs 15

a) *"How"*

6. Vs 15

a) "Behold" or "Listen up God"

C. THE ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

1. VICTORY IS CERTAIN

a) Vs 14, 16

2. VICTORY WILL BE COMPLETE

a) Vs 14, 16

b) *Philippians 4:13*

c) *Matthew 28:19-20*