

Who is That and Who Cares?

Gideon: I STILL See You (2)
Judges 6

P. R. E. S. S.

Are you stuck in the wine press?

Press

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. Judges 6:11

P. Past
R. Resentment
E. Experience
S. Stress
S. Scared

Presence

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Judges 6:12

Peace

But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. Judges 6:23-24

Purpose

Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them. Judges 6:34-35

Patience

So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime. Judges 6:27

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Music

Sermon Part 2

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36 Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised— 37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said." 38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew." 40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew. Judges 6

Gideon's Faith

Leaking, Leaning, Leaping

Gideon's putting out the fleece (testing God)
was **descriptive** and not **prescriptive**.

— Testing God is a Mistake.

****Leaking (doubting) faith leads to asking for signs.**

1. Gideon asked God what **he** was going to do.
We usually test God to ask what **we should do.

2. Gideon decided if it was God **before** he obeyed.
We wait until it is over to decide **if it was God.

Gideon **already knew what he should do.

Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised (vs. 36)

— He wanted God to guarantee a victory.
— He wanted proof that God was stronger than Baal.

Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah.
Deuteronomy 6:16
(Exodus 17)

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'
Matthew 4:7

We have two advantages that Gideon did not.

1) The complete Word of God (Bible)

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2) The 'indwelling' of the Holy Spirit

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
John 14:16-17

Confidence Faith = believing God
(His word and promises).

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**Honor God with your decisions and let him worry about the results.