

士师记结晶读经

第八篇

基甸作神大能勇士的 内在意义

诗歌:

读经: 士六~九

- 士 6:1 以色列人又行耶和华中看为恶的事, 耶和华中就把他们交在米甸人手里七年。
- 士 6:2 米甸人的手压制以色列人; 以色列人因米甸人的缘故, 就在山中为自己挖穴、挖洞、建造营寨。
- 士 6:3 以色列人每逢撒种之后, 米甸人、亚玛力人、和东方人都上来攻打他们,
- 士 6:4 对着他们安营, 毁坏地的出产, 直到迦萨, 没有在以色列中留下食物, 羊、牛、驴也没有留下;
- 士 6:5 因为那些人带着牲畜和帐棚上来, 象蝗虫那样多, 人和骆驼无数, 都进入境内, 毁坏那地。
- 士 6:6 以色列人因米甸人的缘故, 极其穷乏; 以色列人就哀求耶和华中。
- 士 6:7 当以色列人因米甸人的缘故, 哀求耶和华中时,
- 士 6:8 耶和华中就差遣一位申言者到以色列人那里, 对他们说, 耶和华中以色列的神如此说, 我曾领你们从埃及上来, 带你们从为奴之家出来,
- 士 6:9 救你们脱离埃及人的手, 并脱离一切欺压你们之人的手, 把他们从你们面前赶出, 将他们的地赐给你们;
- 士 6:10 又对你们说, 我是耶和华中你们的神; 你们住在亚摩利人的地, 不可敬畏他们的神。你们竟不听我的话。
- 士 6:11 耶和华中使者来到俄弗拉, 在那里坐在属于亚比以谢人约阿施的橡树下; 约阿施的儿子基甸正在酒醉那里打麦子, 为要逃避米甸人。
- 士 6:12 耶和华中使者向基甸显现, 对他说, 大能的勇士, 耶和华中与你同在。
- 士 6:13 基甸说, 我主, 请容我说, 耶和华中若与我们同在, 我们何至遭遇这一切事呢? 我们的列祖向我们叙述的, 耶和华中一切奇

CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF JUDGES

Message Eight

The Intrinsic Significance of Gideon as God's Valiant Warrior

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Judg. 6—9

- Judg. 6:1 Then the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and Jehovah delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years.
- Judg. 6:2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the children of Israel made for themselves the dens which are in the mountains as well as the caves and the strongholds.
- Judg. 6:3 And whenever Israel sowed its seed, Midian rose up with Amalek and the children of the east, and went up against them.
- Judg. 6:4 And they encamped against them and destroyed the produce of the land until you come to Gaza, and they left no sustenance in Israel, or sheep or ox or donkey.
- Judg. 6:5 For they went up with their cattle and their tents and came in like a locust swarm in number; both they and their camels were without number. And they came into the land to destroy it.
- Judg. 6:6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian. And the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.
- Judg. 6:7 And when the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah because of Midian,
- Judg. 6:8 Jehovah sent a man who was a prophet to the children of Israel. And he said to them, Thus says Jehovah the God of Israel, It was I who brought you up out of Egypt and brought you out from the slave house;
- Judg. 6:9 And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you. And I drove them out before you and gave you their land.
- Judg. 6:10 And I said to you, I am Jehovah your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But you did not listen to My voice.
- Judg. 6:11 And the Angel of Jehovah came and sat under the terebinth that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while Gideon his son was beating out the wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites.
- Judg. 6:12 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him and said to him, Jehovah is with you, valiant warrior.
- Judg. 6:13 And Gideon said to Him, Please, my lord, if Jehovah is with us, then why has all this happened to us? And where are all His wondrous deeds that our fathers recount to us, saying, Did not

妙的作为在哪里呢？他们说，耶和華豈不是領我們從埃及上來么？現在祂却丟棄我們，將我們交在米甸人的手中。

士 6:14 耶和華面向基甸，說，你靠著你這能力去拯救以色列人脫離米甸人的手，不是我差遣你去的么？

士 6:15 基甸說，主啊，請容我說，我憑什麼拯救以色列人呢？我的家族在瑪拿西支派中是至貧窮的，我在我的父家又是至微小的。

士 6:16 耶和華對他說，我必與你同在，你必擊打米甸人，如擊打一人一樣。

士 6:17 基甸說，我若在你眼前蒙恩，求你給我顯一個證據，使我知道是你與我說話。

士 6:18 求你不要離開這裡，等我回到你這裡，將禮物帶來擺在你面前。祂說，我必等你回來。

士 6:19 於是基甸去預備了一只山羊羔，用一伊法細面作了無酵餅，將肉放在筐內，把湯盛在壺中，帶到橡樹下使者那裡獻上。

士 6:20 神的使者對基甸說，將肉和無酵餅放在這磐石上，把湯倒出來。他就这样行了。

士 6:21 耶和華的使者伸出手內的杖，杖頭挨了肉和無酵餅，就有火從磐石中上來，燒盡了肉和無酵餅。耶和華的使者就不見了。

士 6:22 基甸見祂是耶和華的使者，就說，哀哉！主耶和華啊，我不好了，因為我面對面看見了耶和華的使者。

士 6:23 耶和華對他說，你安心，不要懼怕，你必不至於死。

士 6:24 於是基甸在那裡為耶和華築了一座壇，起名叫耶和華沙龍。這壇到如今還在亞比以謝族的俄弗拉。

士 6:25 當那夜，耶和華對基甸說，你取你父親的牛來，就是那七歲的第二只牛，並且拆毀你父親為巴力所築的壇，砍下壇旁的木像，

士 6:26 在這保障頂上整齊地為耶和華你的神築一座壇，將第二只牛獻為燔祭，用你所砍下的木像作柴。

士 6:27 基甸就從他僕人中挑了十個人，照着耶和華告訴他的行了。他因怕父家和本城的人，不敢在白晝行事，就在夜間行了。

士 6:28 城里的人清早起來，見巴力的壇拆毀，壇旁的木像砍下，第二只牛獻在新築的壇上，

士 6:29 就彼此說，這事是誰作的？他們查究尋訪之後，就說，這是約阿施的儿子基甸作的。

士 6:30 城里的人對約阿施說，將你儿子交出來，好治死他；因為他拆毀了巴力的壇，砍下壇旁的木像。

士 6:31 約阿施對站着攻擊他的眾人說，你們是為巴力爭辯么？你們要救他么？誰為他爭辯，就要趁着早晨將誰處死。巴力若是神，有人拆毀他的壇，讓他為自己爭辯罷。

士 6:32 所以當日人稱基甸為耶路巴力，意思說，他拆毀巴力的壇，讓巴力與他爭辯。

士 6:33 那時，所有的米甸人、亞瑪力人、和東方人都聚集過河，

Jehovah bring us up out of Egypt? But now Jehovah has abandoned us and delivered us into the hand of Midian.

Judg. 6:14 Then Jehovah turned to him and said, Go in this strength of yours, and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Indeed I have sent you.

Judg. 6:15 And he said to Him, Please, Lord, by what way can I save Israel? My clan here is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

Judg. 6:16 And Jehovah said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you will strike the Midianites as one man.

Judg. 6:17 And he said to Him, If now I have found favor in Your sight, perform a sign for me that it is You who are speaking with me.

Judg. 6:18 Do not depart from here until I come to You and bring my present and set it before You. And He said, I will remain until you return.

Judg. 6:19 So Gideon went and prepared a kid and an ephah of flour in unleavened cakes. He put the flesh in a basket and put the broth in a pot, and he brought it out to Him under the terebinth. And he presented it.

Judg. 6:20 And the Angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock; and pour out the broth. And he did so.

Judg. 6:21 And the Angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And fire came up from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And the Angel of Jehovah went from his sight.

Judg. 6:22 And Gideon saw that He was the Angel of Jehovah. And Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah! For I have seen the Angel of Jehovah face to face.

Judg. 6:23 And Jehovah said to him, Peace be with you. Do not be afraid; you shall not die.

Judg. 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to Jehovah, and he called it Jehovah-shalom. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Judg. 6:25 And that night Jehovah said to him, Take your father's bull, that is, the second bull, seven years old; and tear down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.

Judg. 6:26 And build an altar to Jehovah your God upon the top of this stronghold in the ordered manner. Then take that second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you will cut down.

Judg. 6:27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as Jehovah had told him. But because he was too afraid of his father's house and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it at night.

Judg. 6:28 And when the men of the city rose up early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, broken down; and the Asherah beside it was cut down. And the second bull had been offered upon the altar that had been built.

Judg. 6:29 And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And after they inquired and sought about, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.

Judg. 6:30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.

Judg. 6:31 And Joash said to all who stood against him, Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him will be put to death while it is still morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself; for his altar has been broken down.

Judg. 6:32 Therefore on that day he named Gideon Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, for he has broken down his altar.

Judg. 6:33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east gathered together, and

在耶斯列谷安营。
士 6:34 耶和华的灵披戴在基甸身上，他就吹角；亚比以谢族都应召跟随他。
士 6:35 他打发使者到全玛拿西，玛拿西人也应召跟随他。他又打发使者到亚设、西布伦、拿弗他利，那些地方的人也都上来与他们会合。
士 6:36 基甸对神说，你若照着你所说的，要借我的手拯救以色列，
士 6:37 我就把一团羊毛放在禾场上：若单是羊毛上有露水，而地上都是干的，我就知道你要照着你所说的，借我的手拯救以色列。
士 6:38 次日基甸清早起来，见果然是这样；他将羊毛挤一挤，从羊毛中拧出满盆的露水来。
士 6:39 基甸又对神说，求你不要向我发怒，我再说这一次：让我将羊毛再试一次。但愿只有羊毛是干的，而地上都有露水。
士 6:40 这夜神也如此行，只有羊毛是干的，而地上都有露水。
士 7:1 耶路巴力，就是基甸，和一切跟随的人清早起来，在哈律泉旁安营。米甸营在他们北边的山谷，靠近摩利冈。
士 7:2 耶和华对基甸说，跟随你的人太多，我不能将米甸人交在他们手中，免得以色列人向我夸大，说，是我们自己的手救了我们。
士 7:3 现在你要宣告使百姓听见，说，凡惧怕战栗的，可以离开这里回去。于是有二万二千人回去，只剩下一万。
士 7:4 耶和华对基甸说，人还是太多；你要带他们下到水旁，我好在那里为你试试他们。我指着谁对你说，这人可以同你去，他就可以同你去；我指着谁对你说，这人不可同你去，他就不可同你去。
士 7:5 基甸就带他们下到水旁。耶和华对基甸说，凡用舌头舔水，象狗舔的，要使他单站在一处；凡屈膝跪下喝水的，也要使他单站在一处。
士 7:6 于是用手捧到嘴边舔水的有三百人，其余的人都屈膝跪下喝水。
士 7:7 耶和华对基甸说，我要用这舔水的三百人拯救你们，将米甸人交在你手中；其余的人都可以各归各处去。
士 7:8 这三百人就带着食物和角；其余的以色列人，基甸都打发他们各归各的帐棚，只留下这三百人。米甸营在他下边的山谷里。
士 7:9 当那夜，耶和华对基甸说，起来，下去攻营，因我已将那营交在你手中。
士 7:10 倘若你怕下去，就带你的仆人普拉下到营那里去。
士 7:11 你必听见他们所说的，然后你的手就必得加强，你就能下去攻营。于是基甸带着仆人普拉下到营边，靠近部队。
士 7:12 米甸人、亚玛力人、和一切东方人都散布在山谷中，如同

they crossed over and encamped in the valley of Jezreel.
Judg. 6:34 And the Spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon; and he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called up behind him.
Judg. 6:35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they were also called up behind him. And he sent messengers throughout Asher and Zebulun and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.
Judg. 6:36 And Gideon said to God, If indeed You will save Israel through my hand, as You have said,
Judg. 6:37 I am laying here a fleece of wool on the threshing floor: If there is dew on the fleece alone and it is dry on all the ground, I will know that You will save Israel through my hand, as You have said.
Judg. 6:38 And so it happened. When he rose up early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung dew from the fleece, a bowlful of water.
Judg. 6:39 Then Gideon said to God, May Your anger not burn against me, but allow me to speak only this one time. Allow me to make this test with the fleece only this one time. Let it be dry on the fleece only, and let there be dew on all the ground.
Judg. 6:40 And God did so that night, so that it was dry on the fleece only and there was dew on all the ground.
Judg. 7:1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was to their north, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.
Judg. 7:2 And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people with you are too many for Me to deliver Midian into their hand; Israel might vaunt himself against Me, saying, My own hand has saved me.
Judg. 7:3 Now then proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, Whoever is afraid and trembling should return and depart from here. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.
Judg. 7:4 Then Jehovah said to Gideon, The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. And he of whom I say to you, This one shall go with you, he shall go with you. And every one of whom I say to you, This one shall not go with you, he shall not go.
Judg. 7:5 So he brought the people down to the water. And Jehovah said to Gideon, Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart; likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink.
Judg. 7:6 And the number of those who lapped the water into their mouth with their hand was three hundred men, but the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.
Judg. 7:7 And Jehovah said to Gideon, Through the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and I will deliver Midian into your hand. But let all the other people go, each to his own place.
Judg. 7:8 Then the people took provisions in their hand and their trumpets; and he sent all the men of Israel away, each to his own tent, but retained the three hundred men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.
Judg. 7:9 And that night Jehovah said to him, Arise; go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand.
Judg. 7:10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down with Purah your young man into the camp;
Judg. 7:11 And you will hear what they are saying. Then afterward your hands will be strengthened so that you can go down against the camp. So he went down with Purah his young man to the edge of the battle array that was in the camp.
Judg. 7:12 Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay in the valley like a

蝗虫那样多；他们的骆驼无数，多如海边的沙。

- 士 7:13 基甸到了，就听见一人将梦告诉同伴说，我作了一梦，梦见一个大麦圆饼滚入米甸营中，到了帐幕，将帐幕撞倒，帐幕就翻转倾覆了。
- 士 7:14 那同伴回答说，这不是别的，乃是以色列人约阿施的儿子基甸的刀；神已将米甸和全营都交在他的手中。
- 士 7:15 基甸听见这梦的叙述和梦的讲解，就敬拜神。他回到以色列营中，说，起来罢，耶和華已将米甸营交在你们手中了。
- 士 7:16 于是基甸将三百人分作三队，把角和空瓶交在各人手里，瓶内都有火把。
- 士 7:17 他对他们说，你们要看着我，要照我所行的而行。我一到了营边，我怎样行，你们也要怎样行。
- 士 7:18 我和一切跟随我的人吹角的时候，你们也要在全营的四围吹角，喊叫说，耶和華和基甸的刀！
- 士 7:19 基甸和跟随他的一百人，在午夜更之初，才换更的时候，来到营边，就吹角，打破手中的瓶。
- 士 7:20 三队的人都吹角，打破瓶子，左手拿着火把，右手拿着角，喊叫说，耶和華和基甸的刀！
- 士 7:21 他们在营的四围各站各的地方；全营的人都乱窜，一面喊叫，一面逃跑。
- 士 7:22 三百人吹响三百枝角，耶和華使全营的人用刀互相击杀，他们向西利拉逃到伯哈示他，直逃到靠近他巴，亚伯米何拉的河边。
- 士 7:23 以色列人就从拿弗他利、亚设、和全玛拿西，应召来追赶米甸人。
- 士 7:24 基甸打发人到以法莲全山地，说，你们下来攻击米甸人，争先把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉。于是以法莲的众人应召把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉，
- 士 7:25 捉住了米甸的两个首领俄立和西伊伯；将俄立杀在俄立磐石上，将西伊伯杀在西伊伯酒醉那里；又追赶米甸人，将俄立和西伊伯的首级带过约但河，到基甸那里。
- 士 8:1 以法莲人对基甸说，你去与米甸人争战，没有召我们同去，为什么这样待我们？他们就与基甸大大地争闹。
- 士 8:2 基甸对他们说，现在我行了什么能与你们相比呢？以法莲所拾取剩下的葡萄，不强过亚比以谢所摘收的葡萄么？
- 士 8:3 神已将米甸的首领俄立和西伊伯交在你们手中；我能行什么与你们相比呢？基甸说了这话，以法莲人向他的怒气就消了。
- 士 8:4 基甸和跟随他的三百人来到约但河，就过了河，虽然疲乏，还是追赶。
- 士 8:5 基甸对疏割人说，求你们拿些饼来给跟随我的人吃，因为他们疲乏了，我还在追赶米甸的两个王西巴和撒慕拿。

locust swarm in multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand on the seashore is in multitude.

- Judg. 7:13 And when Gideon came, at that moment a man was recounting a dream to his companion; and he said, I have just had a dream. There was this round loaf of barley bread tumbling through the camp of Midian. And it came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and it turned it upside down. And the tent collapsed.
- Judg. 7:14 And his companion answered and said, This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. God has delivered Midian and all the camp into his hand.
- Judg. 7:15 And when Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he worshipped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, Arise, for Jehovah has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand.
- Judg. 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies; and he put trumpets into the hands of them all, as well as empty pitchers, with torches inside the pitchers.
- Judg. 7:17 And he said to them, Look at me, and do as I do. Right when I come to the edge of the camp, you shall do just as I do.
- Judg. 7:18 When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, you also blow the trumpets around all the camp and say, For Jehovah and for Gideon!
- Judg. 7:19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch. They had just then posted the watch. And they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.
- Judg. 7:20 And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers; and they held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets were in their right hands to blow. And they cried out, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon!
- Judg. 7:21 And each man stood in his place around the camp. Then the whole camp ran off, and they shouted and fled.
- Judg. 7:22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Jehovah set each man's sword against his companion and against the whole camp. And the camp fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.
- Judg. 7:23 And the men of Israel were called up from Naphtali and from Asher and from all of Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.
- Judg. 7:24 Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and seize the waters against them as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. And every man of Ephraim was called up, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.
- Judg. 7:25 And they captured two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine press of Zeeb; and they pursued Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.
- Judg. 8:1 Then the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you done this thing to us, that you did not call us when you went to battle against Midian? And they contended with him sharply.
- Judg. 8:2 And he said to them, What have I done now to compare with you? Are not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?
- Judg. 8:3 It was into your hand that God gave the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their hostile spirit toward him subsided when he said this word.
- Judg. 8:4 Then Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the three hundred men with him, weary yet pursuing.
- Judg. 8:5 And he said to the men of Succoth, Please give us loaves of bread for the people behind me, for they are weary and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian.

士 8:6 但疏割的首领说，难道西巴和撒慕拿已经在你手里，所以我们该将饼给你的军兵么？

士 8:7 基甸说，那么，等耶和華将西巴和撒慕拿交在我手里之后，我要把你们的肉踹踏在野地的荆条和枳棘上。

士 8:8 基甸从那里上到毗努伊勒，对那里的人也是这样说；毗努伊勒人回答他也象疏割人回答的一样。

士 8:9 他也向毗努伊勒人说，等我平平安安回来的时候，我必拆毁这楼。

士 8:10 那时西巴和撒慕拿，并跟随他们的军队都在加各，约有一万五千人，就是东方人全军所剩下的；已经倒毙的约有十二万拿刀的。

士 8:11 基甸就由挪巴和约比哈东边，从住帐棚人的路上去，在米甸军队安然无备的时候，击杀了他们。

士 8:12 西巴和撒慕拿逃跑；基甸追赶他们，捉住米甸的二王西巴和撒慕拿，惊散全军。

士 8:13 约阿施的儿子基甸由希列斯坡从阵上回来，

士 8:14 捉住疏割的一个少年人，查问他。他将疏割首领和长老七十七个人的名字写下来给基甸。

士 8:15 基甸到了疏割，对那里的人说，看哪，西巴和撒慕拿在这里；你们曾指着他们讥诮我说，难道西巴和撒慕拿已经在你手里，所以我们该将饼给跟随你的疲乏人么？

士 8:16 于是捉住那城的长老，并拿野地的荆条和枳棘来，用以踹踏疏割人；

士 8:17 又拆了毗努伊勒的楼，杀了那城里的人。

士 8:18 基甸问西巴和撒慕拿说，你们在他泊山所杀的人是什么样子？他们说，你是什么样子，他们也是什么样子；每一个都像王子的模样。

士 8:19 基甸说，他们是我同母的兄弟，我指着永活的耶和華起誓，你们从前若存留他们的性命，我如今就不杀你们了。

士 8:20 于是对他的长子益帖说，你起来杀他们。但那童子害怕，不敢拔刀，因为他还是个童子。

士 8:21 西巴和撒慕拿说，你自己起来杀我们罢，因为人如何，力量也如何。基甸就起来，杀了西巴和撒慕拿，夺了他们骆驼项上戴的月牙圈。

士 8:22 以色列人对基甸说，你既救我们脱离米甸人的手，愿你和你的儿孙管理我们。

士 8:23 基甸说，我不管理你们，我的儿子也不管理你们，唯有耶和華管理你们。

士 8:24 基甸又对他们说，我有一件事求你们，请你们各人将所夺的耳环给我。（原来米甸人都戴金耳环，因为他们是以实玛利人。）

士 8:25 他们说，我们情愿给你。于是铺开一件外衣，各人将所夺的耳环丢在其上。

士 8:26 基甸所要来的金耳环重一千七百舍客勒金子。此外还有米甸王身上的月牙圈、耳坠、和紫色衣服，并骆驼项上的链子。

士 8:27 基甸以此制造了一个以弗得，设立在本城俄弗拉。后来全

Judg. 8:6 But the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna in your hand now, that we should give bread to your army?

Judg. 8:7 And Gideon said, Because of this, when Jehovah does deliver Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I will trample your flesh on the thorns of the wilderness and the briers.

Judg. 8:8 Then he went up from there to Penuel and spoke to them in the same way; and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered.

Judg. 8:9 And he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, When I return in peace, I will break down this tower.

Judg. 8:10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their camps were with them, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of the entire camp of the children of the east; for there had fallen one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword.

Judg. 8:11 And Gideon went up by way of the tent dwellers, east of Nobah and Jogbehah; and he struck the camp when the camp was off guard.

Judg. 8:12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued after them. And he captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and threw all the camp into confusion.

Judg. 8:13 And when Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle from the ascent of Heres,

Judg. 8:14 He captured a young man from among the men of Succoth and questioned him. And he wrote down for him the princes of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.

Judg. 8:15 Then he came to the men of Succoth and said, Here are Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna in your hand now, that we should give bread to your men who are weary?

Judg. 8:16 And he took the elders of the city and the thorns of the wilderness and the briers, and with them he trampled the men of Succoth.

Judg. 8:17 And he broke down the tower of Penuel and slew the men of the city.

Judg. 8:18 Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, What were the men whom you slew in Tabor like? And they said, As you are, so were they. Each one was like the children of a king in form.

Judg. 8:19 And he said, They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As Jehovah lives, if you had kept them alive, I would not slay you.

Judg. 8:20 And he said to Jether his firstborn, Rise up; slay them. But the youth would not draw his sword, because he was fearful; for he was still a youth.

Judg. 8:21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, You rise up, and fall on us; for there is as much strength as there is man. And Gideon rose up and slew Zebah and Zalmunna. And he took the crescents that were on their camels' necks.

Judg. 8:22 And the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson as well; for you have saved us from the hand of Midian.

Judg. 8:23 But Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. Jehovah will rule over you.

Judg. 8:24 And Gideon said to them, Let me make a request of you, that each of you give me an earring from his spoil. (The Midianites had golden earrings, for they were Ishmaelites.)

Judg. 8:25 And they said, We will willingly give it. And they spread out a garment, and each of them threw an earring from his spoil there.

Judg. 8:26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold. This was besides the crescents and the pendants and the purple garments that were upon the kings of Midian and besides the chains that were on their camels' necks.

Judg. 8:27 And Gideon made an ephod with it and placed it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel went as

以色列在那里随从这以弗得行了邪淫；这就作了基甸和他全家的网罗。

士 8:28 这样，米甸人在以色列人面前被制伏了，不能再抬起头来。基甸还在的日子，那地太平四十年。

士 8:29 约阿施的儿子耶路巴力回去，住在自己家里。

士 8:30 基甸有七十个儿子，都是他亲生的，因为他有许多妻子。

士 8:31 他在示剑的妾，也给他生了一个儿子，基甸给他起名叫亚比米勒。

士 8:32 约阿施的儿子基甸，享大寿数而死，葬在亚比以谢族的俄弗拉，在他父亲约阿施的坟墓里。

士 8:33 基甸死后，以色列人又转去随从诸巴力行邪淫，以巴力比利土为他们的神。

士 8:34 以色列人不纪念耶和华他们的神，就是拯救他们脱离四围众仇敌之手的；

士 8:35 也不照着耶路巴力，就是基甸，向以色列所行一切的善，以恩慈待他的家。

士 9:1 耶路巴力的儿子亚比米勒，到了示剑见他的众母舅，对他们和他外祖全家的人说，

士 9:2 请你们说给示剑所有的居民听：是耶路巴力的众子七十人都管理你们好呢？还是一人管理你们好？你们又要纪念我是你们的骨肉。

士 9:3 他的众母舅便将这一切话为他说给示剑的居民听；示剑人的心就归向亚比米勒，因为他们说，他原是我们的弟兄。

士 9:4 他们从巴力比利土的庙中取了七十锭银子给亚比米勒；亚比米勒用这银子雇了些无赖放荡之徒，他们便跟随他。

士 9:5 他往俄弗拉到他父亲的家，将他的弟兄，耶路巴力的众子七十人都杀在一块石头上；只剩下耶路巴力的小儿子约坦，因为他躲藏了。

士 9:6 示剑所有的居民和米罗全家一同聚集，往示剑柱子的橡树旁，立亚比米勒为王。

士 9:7 有人将这事告诉约坦，他就去站在基利心山顶上，向众人大声喊叫，说，示剑的居民哪，你们要听我的话，神也就听你们的话。

士 9:8 有一次，众树要去膏一树作他们的王，就去对橄榄树说，请你作我们的王。

士 9:9 橄榄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那尊重神和人的油，去飘飘在众树之上呢？

士 9:10 众树对无花果树说，请你来作我们的王。

士 9:11 无花果树对他们说，我岂可停止结出我的甘甜和美果，去飘飘在众树之上呢？

士 9:12 众树对葡萄树说，请你来作我们的王。

士 9:13 葡萄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那使神和人喜乐的新酒，去飘飘在众树之上呢？

士 9:14 于是所有的树对荆棘说，请你来作我们的王。

士 9:15 荆棘对他们说，你们若真诚的膏我为王，就要来投靠在我的荫下；不然，愿火从荆棘里出来，烧灭利巴嫩的香柏树。

harlots to it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his house.

Judg. 8:28 So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

Judg. 8:29 Then Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his house.

Judg. 8:30 And Gideon had seventy sons, the issue of his loins, for he had many wives.

Judg. 8:31 And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech.

Judg. 8:32 And Gideon the son of Joash died at a good old age, and he was buried in the tomb of Joash his father in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Judg. 8:33 And as soon as Gideon died, the children of Israel turned again and went as harlots after the Baals. And they made Baal-berith their god.

Judg. 8:34 And the children of Israel did not remember Jehovah their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies all around;

Judg. 8:35 Nor did they show mercy to the house of Jerubbaal, that is, Gideon, for all the good he had done to Israel.

Judg. 9:1 Then Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers; and he spoke to them and to all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

Judg. 9:2 Speak now in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem, What is better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, rule over you, or that one man rule over you? Now remember that I am your bone and your flesh.

Judg. 9:3 And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem with all these words; and their heart inclined toward Abimelech, for they said, He is our brother.

Judg. 9:4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-berith. And with it Abimelech hired worthless and wanton men, and they followed after him.

Judg. 9:5 And he went to his father's house in Ophrah and slew his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone; but Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left, for he hid himself.

Judg. 9:6 Then all the lords of Shechem and all the house of Millo gathered, and they went and made Abimelech king at the terebinth of the pillar that was in Shechem.

Judg. 9:7 And when Jotham was told, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim and lifted up his voice and called out and said to them, Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

Judg. 9:8 The trees once went forth to anoint a king over themselves. And they said to the olive tree, Reign over us.

Judg. 9:9 But the olive tree said to them, Shall I leave my fatness, because of which God and men are honored by me, and go to wave over the trees?

Judg. 9:10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, You come and reign over us.

Judg. 9:11 But the fig tree said to them, Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to wave over the trees?

Judg. 9:12 Then the trees said to the vine, You come and reign over us.

Judg. 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?

Judg. 9:14 So all the trees said to the bramble, You come and reign over us.

Judg. 9:15 And the bramble said to the trees, If you are truly anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge under my shade; but if not, may fire come forth from the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon!

士 9:16 现在你们若凭真诚和正直而行，立亚比米勒为王，若善待耶路巴力和他的家，照他手当得的待他；

士 9:17 (从前我父为你们争战，冒着性命的危险，救了你们脱离米甸人的手。

士 9:18 你们如今却起来攻击我的父家，将他众子七十人杀在一块石头上，又立他婢女所生的儿子亚比米勒为示剑居民的王；他原是你们的弟兄；)

士 9:19 你们如今若凭真诚和正直待耶路巴力和他的家，就可因亚比米勒喜乐，他也可因你们喜乐；

士 9:20 不然，愿火从亚比米勒发出，烧灭示剑的居民和米罗家，又愿火从示剑居民和米罗家发出，烧灭亚比米勒。

士 9:21 约坦因怕他弟兄亚比米勒，就逃跑，来到比珥，住在那里。

士 9:22 亚比米勒管理以色列人三年。

士 9:23 神打发恶灵到亚比米勒和示剑的居民中间，示剑的居民就以诡诈待亚比米勒；

士 9:24 这是要叫耶路巴力七十个儿子所受的残害得着报复，又叫那流他们血的罪归与他们的弟兄亚比米勒，就是那杀害他们的，并归与帮助他杀弟兄的示剑居民。

士 9:25 示剑的居民在山顶上设埋伏，等候亚比米勒；凡路过他们那里的人，他们就抢夺。有人将这事告诉亚比米勒。

士 9:26 以别的儿子迦勒和他的弟兄来到示剑，示剑的居民都信靠他。

士 9:27 示剑的居民出城到田间去，摘取葡萄园的葡萄，踹酒，摆设感谢宴，进他们神的庙中吃喝，咒诅亚比米勒。

士 9:28 以别的儿子迦勒说，亚比米勒是谁？我们示剑人是谁，竟要服事他？他不是耶路巴力的儿子么？他的官员不是西布勒么？你们要服事示剑的父亲哈抹的后人；我们为何要服事亚比米勒呢？

士 9:29 唯愿这民交在我的手下，我就除掉亚比米勒。迦勒又对亚比米勒说，增添你的军兵出来罢！

士 9:30 那城的官长西布勒听见以别的儿子迦勒的话，就发怒，

士 9:31 打发使者去多珥玛见亚比米勒，说，以别的儿子迦勒和他的弟兄到了示剑，煽惑城中的民攻击你。

士 9:32 现在你和跟随你的人今夜起来，在田间埋伏；

士 9:33 到早晨太阳一出，你就早早起来闯城。迦勒和跟随他的人出来攻击你的时候，你便向他们见机而作。

士 9:34 于是，亚比米勒和跟随他的众人夜间起来，分作四队，向着示剑设下埋伏。

士 9:35 以别的儿子迦勒出去，站在城门口。亚比米勒和跟随他的人从埋伏之处起来。

士 9:36 迦勒看见那些人，就对西布勒说，看哪，有人从山顶上下来了。西布勒说，你看见山的影子，以为是人。

Judg. 9:16 Now therefore if you have dealt truly and with integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt in a good way toward Jerubbaal and toward his house, and if you have dealt with him as his hands have deserved—

Judg. 9:17 (For my father fought for you and risked his life, and he delivered you from the hand of Midian.

Judg. 9:18 But you have risen up today against the house of my father and have slain his sons, seventy men, on one stone; and you have made Abimelech the son of his female servant king over the lords of Shechem, for he is your brother.)

Judg. 9:19 Now if you have dealt truly and with integrity toward Jerubbaal and toward his house today, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

Judg. 9:20 But if not, may fire come forth from Abimelech and devour the lords of Shechem and the house of Millo, and may fire come forth from the lords of Shechem and the house of Millo and devour Abimelech!

Judg. 9:21 And Jotham ran off and fled, and he came to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.

Judg. 9:22 And Abimelech was prince over Israel three years.

Judg. 9:23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the lords of Shechem, and the lords of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

Judg. 9:24 So that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged and so that their blood might be put upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them, and upon the lords of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to slay his brothers.

Judg. 9:25 And the lords of Shechem set men in ambush for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed everyone who passed by them on the way; and Abimelech was told.

Judg. 9:26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went over to Shechem, and the lords of Shechem put their trust in him.

Judg. 9:27 And they went out into the field and gathered the grapes of their vineyards and trod them, and had a festival. And they went to the house of their god and ate and drank, and they cursed Abimelech.

Judg. 9:28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech and who are we of Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem; but why should we serve this man?

Judg. 9:29 But, oh, that this people were put in my hand; then I would remove Abimelech. And he said of Abimelech, Increase your army and come out!

Judg. 9:30 When Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned.

Judg. 9:31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech in Tormah, saying, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have now come to Shechem, and now they are stirring up the city against you.

Judg. 9:32 And now rise up at night, you and the people with you, and wait in ambush in the field;

Judg. 9:33 And in the morning, as soon as the sun rises, you shall rise up early and rush on the city. And right when he and the people with him come out against you, you shall do with him as you find occasion.

Judg. 9:34 And Abimelech and all the people with him rose up at night and waited in ambush against Shechem in four companies.

Judg. 9:35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And Abimelech and the people with him rose up from the ambush.

Judg. 9:36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains. But Zebul said to him, You are seeing the shadow of the mountains as though they were men.

士 9:37 迦勒又说，看哪，有人从地的高处下来，又有一队从米恶尼尼橡树的路上而来。

士 9:38 西布勒对他说，你曾说，亚比米勒是谁，我们竟要服事他？你所夸的口在哪里呢？这不是你所藐视的民么？你现在出去，与他们交战罢。

士 9:39 于是迦勒率领示剑的居民出去，与亚比米勒交战。

士 9:40 亚比米勒追赶迦勒，迦勒在他面前逃跑；有许多受伤仆倒的，直到城门口。

士 9:41 亚比米勒住在亚鲁玛。西布勒赶出迦勒和他的弟兄们，不准他们住在示剑。

士 9:42 次日，民出到田间，有人告诉亚比米勒；

士 9:43 他就把他的人分作三队，埋伏在田间，看见有人从城里出来，就起来击杀他们。

士 9:44 亚比米勒和跟随他的队伍向前闯去，站在城门口；有两队直闯到田间的众人那里，把他们击杀了。

士 9:45 亚比米勒整天攻打城，将城夺取，杀了其中的人，将城摧毁，撒上了盐。

士 9:46 示剑楼所有的居民都听见了，就躲入巴力比利土庙的卫所。

士 9:47 有人告诉亚比米勒说，示剑楼的居民都聚在一处。

士 9:48 亚比米勒和跟随他的人就都上撒们山。亚比米勒手拿斧子，砍下一根树枝，扛在肩上，对跟随他的人说，你们看我所行的，也当赶紧照样行。

士 9:49 众人也就各砍一枝，跟随亚比米勒，把树枝对着卫所堆起来，放火烧里面的人，把卫所烧了，以致示剑楼的人也都死了，男女约有一千。

士 9:50 亚比米勒到提备斯，对着提备斯安营，就攻取了那城。

士 9:51 城中有一座坚固的楼；城里所有的居民，无论男女，都逃进楼去，把自己关在里面，上了楼顶。

士 9:52 亚比米勒到了楼前，攻打那楼，挨近楼门口，要用火焚烧那楼。

士 9:53 有一个妇人把一块上磨石抛在亚比米勒的头上，打破了他的脑骨。

士 9:54 他就急忙喊叫拿他兵器的少年人，对他说，拔出你的刀来，杀了我罢；免得人议论我说，是个妇人杀了他。于是少年人把他刺透，他就死了。

士 9:55 以色列人见亚比米勒死了，便各回自己的地方去了。

士 9:56 这样，神报应亚比米勒向他父亲所行的恶，就是杀了自己弟兄七十个人。

士 9:57 示剑人的一切恶，神也都报应在他们头上；耶路巴力的儿子约坦的咒诅归到他们身上了。

Judg. 9:37 And Gaal spoke again and said, Look, people are coming down from the height of the land, and one company is coming by the way of the terebinth of Meonenim.

Judg. 9:38 Then Zebul said to him, Where is your boast now, that you said, Who is Abimelech that we should serve him? Is not this the people that you despised? Go out now, and fight them.

Judg. 9:39 So Gaal went out before the lords of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.

Judg. 9:40 And Abimelech pursued him, and Gaal fled from before him. And many wounded fell, up to the entrance of the gate.

Judg. 9:41 And Abimelech dwelt in Arumah. And Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers, so that they could not dwell in Shechem.

Judg. 9:42 Then on the next day the people went out into the field, and Abimelech was told.

Judg. 9:43 And he took his people and divided them into three companies, and he waited in ambush in the field. And he looked, and there were the people coming out of the city. And he rose up against them and struck them.

Judg. 9:44 And Abimelech and the companies that were with him rushed forward and stood at the entrance of the gate of the city, and two companies rushed upon all those who were in the field and struck them.

Judg. 9:45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day. And he took the city, and the people who were in it he slew; and he tore down the city and sowed it with salt.

Judg. 9:46 And when all the lords of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they went to the stronghold of the house of El-berith.

Judg. 9:47 And Abimelech was told that all the lords of the tower of Shechem had gathered together.

Judg. 9:48 And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him. And Abimelech took an ax in his hand and cut down a tree limb. And he lifted it up and put it on his shoulder, and he said to the people who were with him, What you see me doing, hurry and do as I have done.

Judg. 9:49 So all the people also cut down each a limb. And they followed after Abimelech and set the limbs against the stronghold. And they set the stronghold on fire over them, so that all the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

Judg. 9:50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez; and he encamped against Thebez and took it.

Judg. 9:51 But there was a strong tower in the middle of the city; and all the men and women and all the lords of the city fled there and shut themselves in; and they went up to the roof of the tower.

Judg. 9:52 And Abimelech came up to the tower and fought against it. And he came near the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire.

Judg. 9:53 And a certain woman threw an upper millstone upon Abimelech's head, and it cracked his skull.

Judg. 9:54 Then he called immediately to the young man who bore his armor and said to him, Draw your sword and kill me; otherwise they will say concerning me, A woman slew him. And his young man pierced him through, and he died.

Judg. 9:55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they went away, each to his own place.

Judg. 9:56 And God repaid the evil of Abimelech, which he had done to his father by slaying his seventy brothers.

Judg. 9:57 And God brought all the evil of the men of Shechem back upon their own heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came upon them.

壹 基甸被神兴起作神大能的勇士，为神所差，以拯救以色列人（士六 12 ~ 14，参约

I. Gideon was raised up by God as His valiant warrior and sent by God to save Israel (Judg. 6:12-14; cf. John 8:29)

八 29) 脱离米甸人的欺压; (士六 1~八 32;) 我们必须看见基甸成功的内在意义:

- 士 6:12 耶和华的使者向基甸显现, 对他说, 大能的勇士, 耶和華与你同在。
- 士 6:13 基甸说, 我主, 请容我说, 耶和華若与我们同在, 我们何至遭遇这一切事呢? 我们的列祖向我们叙述的, 耶和華一切奇妙的作为在哪里呢? 他们说, 耶和華岂不是领我们从埃及上来么? 现在祂却丢弃我们, 将我们交给米甸人的手中。
- 士 6:14 耶和華面向基甸, 说, 你靠着你这能力去拯救以色列人脱离米甸人的手, 不是我差遣你去的么?
- 约 8:29 那差我来的是与我同在, 祂没有撇下我独自一人, 因为我始终作祂所喜悦的事。
- 士六 1~八 32 见本篇篇首读经部分。

一 基甸仔细听神的话, 这在当时以色列人中间是少有的:

1 主总是愿意开通我们的耳朵, 好听见祂的声音, 使我们能照着祂的经纶看事物一启一 10, 12, 伯三三 14~16, 赛五十四 4~5, 出二一 6。

- 启 1:10 当主日我在灵里, 听见在我后面有大声音如吹号说,
- 启 1:12 我转过身来, 要看是谁发声与我说话; 既转过来, 就看见七个金灯台;
- 伯 33:14 原来神用一种方式, 甚至用两种方式说话, 人却不理会;
- 伯 33:15 (人在床上打盹沉睡的时候, 神在梦中, 在夜间的异象里说话;)
- 伯 33:16 神就开通人的耳朵, 将他们当受的教训印在他们心上,
- 赛 50:4 主耶和華赐我受教者的舌头, 使我知道怎样用言语扶助疲乏的人。主每早晨唤醒我; 祂唤醒我的耳朵, 使我能听, 象受教者一样。
- 赛 50:5 主耶和華开通我的耳朵; 我并没有违背, 也没有退后。
- 出 21:6 他的主人就要带他到审判官那里, 又要带他到门或门框那里, 用锥子穿他的耳朵, 他就永远服事主人。

2 那灵向众召会说话时, (启二 7 上,) 我们的耳朵都必须被开通, 受割礼, (耶六 10, 徒七 51,) 得洁净, (出二九 20, 利八 23~24, 十四 14,) 且被膏抹, (17, 28,) 好听见那灵说话。

- 启 2:7 那灵向众召会所说的话, 凡有耳的, 就应当听。得胜的, 我必将神乐园中生命树的果子赐给他吃。
- 耶 6:10 现在我可以向谁说话作见证, 使他们听呢? 他们的耳朵未受割礼, 不能听见。耶和華的话, 他们以为羞辱, 不以为

from the oppression of the Midianites (Judg. 6:1—8:32); we must see the intrinsic significance of Gideon's success:

- Judg. 6:12 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him and said to him, Jehovah is with you, valiant warrior.
- Judg. 6:13 And Gideon said to Him, Please, my lord, if Jehovah is with us, then why has all this happened to us? And where are all His wondrous deeds that our fathers recount to us, saying, Did not Jehovah bring us up out of Egypt? But now Jehovah has abandoned us and delivered us into the hand of Midian.
- Judg. 6:14 Then Jehovah turned to him and said, Go in this strength of yours, and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Indeed I have sent you.
- John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.
- Judg. 6:1—8:32 See the verses listed under *Scripture Reading* of this message.

A. Gideon listened carefully to the word of God, something that was rare among the children of Israel at that time:

1. The Lord always wants to open our ears to hear His voice so that we may see things according to His economy—Rev. 1:10, 12; Job 33:14-16; Isa. 50:4-5; Exo. 21:6.

- Rev. 1:10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
- Rev. 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
- Job 33:14 For God speaks in one way, / Indeed in two ways, without any perceiving it—
- Job 33:15 In a dream, a night vision, / When deep sleep falls upon men / In the slumberings upon their beds—
- Job 33:16 Then He opens the ears of men / And seals up their instruction,
- Isa. 50:4 The Lord Jehovah has given me / The tongue of the instructed, / That I should know how to sustain the weary with a word. / He awakens me morning by morning; / He awakens my ear / To hear as an instructed one.
- Isa. 50:5 The Lord Jehovah has opened my ear; / And I was not rebellious, / Nor did I turn back.
- Exo. 21:6 Then his master shall bring him to God and shall bring him to the door or to the doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.

2. As the Spirit is speaking to the churches (Rev. 2:7a), we all need an opened, circumcised (Jer. 6:10; Acts 7:51), cleansed (Exo. 29:20; Lev. 8:23-24; 14:14), and anointed ear (vv. 17, 28) to hear the Spirit's speaking.

- Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
- Jer. 6:10 To whom shall I speak and testify, / That they may hear? / Indeed, their ear is uncircumcised, / And they are unable to listen. / See, the word of Jehovah has become a reproach to them; /

喜悦。

- 徒 7:51 你们这硬着颈项，心与耳未受割礼的人，时常抗拒圣灵，你们的祖宗怎样，你们也怎样。
- 出 29:20 你要宰这羊，取点血抹在亚伦的右耳垂上，和他儿子们的右耳垂上；又抹在他们右手的大拇指上，和右脚的大拇指上；并要把其余的血洒在坛的四边。
- 利 8:23 摩西就宰了羊，把些血抹在亚伦的右耳垂上，和右手的大拇指上，并右脚的大拇指上。
- 利 8:24 又叫亚伦的儿子们近前来，把些血抹在他们的右耳垂上，和右手的大拇指上，并右脚的大拇指上；又把其余的血洒在坛的四边。
- 利 14:14 祭司要取些赎愆祭牲的血，抹在求洁净之人的右耳垂上，和右手的大拇指上，并右脚的大拇指上。
- 利 14:17 将手掌里所剩的油抹些在那求洁净之人的右耳垂上，和右手的大拇指上，并右脚的大拇指上，就是抹在赎愆祭牲的血上。
- 利 14:28 又把手掌里的油抹些在那求洁净之人的右耳垂上，和右手的大拇指上，并右脚的大拇指上，就是抹在赎愆祭牲之血的地方。

二 基甸顺从神的话，照着神的话行动—参来十一 32～33 上：

- 来 11:32 此外，我还要再说什么？若要一一细说基甸、巴拉、参孙、耶弗他、大卫、撒母耳和众申言者的事，时间就不够我用了。
- 来 11:33 他们借着信，制伏了列国，行了公义，得了应许，堵了狮子的口，

1 在新约里我们有基督顺从并服从的生命，我们若照着灵而行，就会自然而然满足律法义的要求—腓二 5～11，罗八 4。

- 腓 2:5 你们里面要思念基督耶稣里面所思念的：
- 腓 2:6 祂本有神的形状，不以自己与神同等为强夺之珍，紧持不放，
- 腓 2:7 反而倒空自己，取了奴仆的形状，成为人的样式；
- 腓 2:8 既显为人的样子，就降卑自己，顺从至死，且死在十字架上。
- 腓 2:9 所以神将祂升为至高，又赐给祂那超乎万名之上的名，
- 腓 2:10 叫天上的、地上的和地底下的，在耶稣的名里，万膝都要跪拜，
- 腓 2:11 万口都要公开承认耶稣基督为主，使荣耀归与父神。
- 罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。

2 我们来就近律法的态度，若只是关切字句的诫命，我们所有的就是律法在杀死人的字句这一面；然而，

They have no delight in it.

- Acts 7:51 You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in hearts and ears, you always oppose the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, you also do.
- Exo. 29:20 Then you shall slaughter the ram and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobe of the right ear of his sons and on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the rest of the blood on and around the altar.
- Lev. 8:23 And Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.
- Lev. 8:24 And he brought Aaron's sons near, and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear and on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot; and Moses sprinkled the rest of the blood on and around the altar.
- Lev. 14:14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.
- Lev. 14:17 And from the rest of the oil that is in the palm of his hand the priest shall put some on the lobe of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed and some on the thumb of his right hand and some on the big toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering.
- Lev. 14:28 And the priest shall put some of the oil that is in the palm of his hand on the lobe of the right ear of the one who is to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass offering.

B. Gideon obeyed God's word and acted on it—cf. Heb. 11:32-33a:

- Heb. 11:32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,
- Heb. 11:33 Who through faith overcame kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

1. In the New Testament we have Christ's life of obedience and submission, and if we walk according to the spirit, we will spontaneously fulfill the righteous requirement of the law—Phil. 2:5-11; Rom. 8:4.

- Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
- Phil. 2:6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,
- Phil. 2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;
- Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.
- Phil. 2:9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
- Phil. 2:10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- Phil. 2:11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
- Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

2. If our attitude in coming to the law is to care only for the commandments in letters, we will have the law in the aspect of the

我们若将律法的每一部分当作我们所爱之神呼出的话，我们就会有律法赐生命之灵的这一面；然后，律法会发挥功用，将神自己作为生命，分赐到我们这些爱祂的寻求者里面——诗一一九 25，116，130，林后三 6，提后三 16～17。

诗 119:25 我的性命几乎归于尘土；求你照你的话将我救活。

诗 119:116 求你照你的话扶持我，使我存活，也不叫我所盼望的蒙羞。

诗 119:130 你的言语一解开，就发出亮光，使愚蒙人通达。

林后 3:6 祂使我们够资格作新约的执事，这些执事不是属于字句，乃是属于灵，因为那字句杀死人，那灵却叫人活。

提后 3:16 圣经都是神的呼出，对于教训、督责、改正、在义上的教导，都是有益的，

提后 3:17 叫属神的人得以完备，为着各样的善工，装备齐全。

3 有活力就是活而满了活动的，里外都被那灵充满且充溢，并深入主的话，随时随处传扬福音并教导真理，使主得着扩增和繁殖——但十一 32 下，徒十三 52，四 8，31，十三 9，二 38，五 32 下，提后四 1～2。

但 11:32 作恶违背圣约的人，他必用花言巧语使他们被玷污；唯独认识神的子民，必刚强行事。

徒 13:52 门徒就被喜乐和圣灵充满。

徒 4:8 那时，彼得被圣灵充溢，对他们说，

徒 4:31 祈求完了，聚会的地方震动，他们就被圣灵充溢，放胆讲说神的话。

徒 13:9 扫罗，又名保罗，被圣灵充溢，定睛看他，说，

徒 2:38 彼得对他们说，你们要悔改，各人要靠耶稣基督的名受浸，叫你们的罪得赦，就必领受所赐的圣灵。

徒 5:32 我们就是这些事的见证人，神赐给顺从之人的圣灵，也是这些事的见证人。

提后 4:1 我在神并那将要审判活人死人的基督耶稣面前，凭着祂的显现和祂的国度，郑重地嘱咐你，

提后 4:2 务要传道；无论得时不得时，都要预备好，用全般的恒忍和教训，叫人知罪自责，谴责人，劝勉人。

三 基甸拆毁巴力（迦南人主要的男神）的坛，砍下木像（或，亚舍拉，主要的女神）；这摸着神的心，因为神恨恶偶像，认为偶像都是与祂妻子以色列行淫的男人；就内在一面说，偶像就是我们

killing letter; however, if we take every part of the law as the word breathed out by the God whom we love, we will have the law in the aspect of the life-giving Spirit; then the law will function to dispense God Himself as life into us as His loving seekers—Psa. 119:25, 116, 130; 2 Cor. 3:6; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

Psa. 119:25 My soul clings to the dust; / Enliven me according to Your word.

Psa. 119:116 Uphold me according to Your word that I may live, / And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Psa. 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.

2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

3. To be vital is to be living and active by being filled with the Spirit inwardly and outwardly and by preaching the gospel and teaching the truths at any time and in any place by diving into the Word for the increase and propagation of the Lord—Dan. 11:32b; Acts 13:52; 4:8, 31; 13:9; 2:38; 5:32b; 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

Dan. 11:32 And with his smooth words he will cause those who act wickedly toward the covenant to be profane. But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people and elders,

Acts 4:31 And when they had so besought, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 13:9 But Saul, who is also Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, Repent and each one of you be baptized upon the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:32 And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.

2 Tim. 4:1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Tim. 4:2 Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.

C. Gideon tore down the altar of Baal (the chief male god of the Canaanites) and cut down the Asherah (the chief female goddess); this touched God's heart because God hated the idols, which He regarded as men with whom His wife Israel had committed harlotry; intrinsically, an idol is anything

里面所爱的任何事物，超过了主，并在我们的生活中顶替了主——士六 25 ~ 28，结十四 1 ~ 3。

士 6:25 当那夜，耶和華对基甸说，你取你父亲的牛来，就是那七岁的第二只牛，并且拆毁你父亲为巴力所筑的坛，砍下坛旁的木像，

士 6:26 在这保障顶上整整齐齐地为耶和華你的神筑一座坛，将第二只牛献为燔祭，用你所砍下的木像作柴。

士 6:27 基甸就在他仆人中挑了十个人，照着耶和華告诉他的行了。他因怕父家和本城的人，不敢在白昼行事，就在夜间行了。

士 6:28 城里的人清早起来，见巴力的坛拆毁，坛旁的木像砍下，第二只牛献在新筑的坛上，

结 14:1 有几个以色列长老到我这里来，坐在我面前。

结 14:2 耶和華的话就临到我，说，

结 14:3 人子啊，这些人已将他们的偶像接到心里，把陷他们于罪孽的绊脚石放在自己面前；我岂能丝毫被他们求问么？

四 基甸因着拆毁父亲为巴力所筑的坛，砍下木像，就牺牲了他与父亲的关系，以及他在社会的享受，为要跟从耶和華；基甸要作这样的事，就需要牺牲他自己的权益，而他的牺牲是他成功的有力因素——士六 28 ~ 32。

士 6:28 城里的人清早起来，见巴力的坛拆毁，坛旁的木像砍下，第二只牛献在新筑的坛上，

士 6:29 就彼此说，这事是谁作的？他们查究寻访之后，就说，这是约阿施的儿子基甸作的。

士 6:30 城里的人对约阿施说，将你儿子交出来，好治死他；因为他拆毁了巴力的坛，砍下坛旁的木像。

士 6:31 约阿施对站着攻击他的众人说，你们是为巴力争辩么？你们要救他么？谁为他争辩，就要趁着早晨将谁处死。巴力若是神，有人拆毁他的坛，让他为自己争辩罢。

士 6:32 所以当日人称基甸为耶路巴力，意思说，他拆毁巴力的坛，让巴力与他争辩。

五 由于以上这四个因素，基甸得了赏赐——经纶的灵降在他身上；(34；) 因此，他成为一个大能的人，只带着三百人，就击败两个首领和两个王；他们的人“像蝗虫那样多”，并且“骆驼无数”；(5，七 25，八 10 ~ 12；) 在基甸身上有一幅图画，

within us that we love more than the Lord and that replaces the Lord in our life—Judg. 6:25-28; Ezek. 14:1-3.

Judg. 6:25 And that night Jehovah said to him, Take your father's bull, that is, the second bull, seven years old; and tear down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.

Judg. 6:26 And build an altar to Jehovah your God upon the top of this stronghold in the ordered manner. Then take that second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you will cut down.

Judg. 6:27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as Jehovah had told him. But because he was too afraid of his father's house and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it at night.

Judg. 6:28 And when the men of the city rose up early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, broken down; and the Asherah beside it was cut down. And the second bull had been offered upon the altar that had been built.

Ezek. 14:1 Then some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

Ezek. 14:2 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

Ezek. 14:3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I be inquired of at all by them?

D. By tearing down the altar of Baal and cutting down the Asherah that belonged to his father, Gideon sacrificed his relationship with his father and his enjoyment of society to follow Jehovah; for Gideon to do such a thing required that he sacrifice his own interests, and his sacrifice was a strong factor of his success—Judg. 6:28-32.

Judg. 6:28 And when the men of the city rose up early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, broken down; and the Asherah beside it was cut down. And the second bull had been offered upon the altar that had been built.

Judg. 6:29 And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And after they inquired and sought about, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.

Judg. 6:30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.

Judg. 6:31 And Joash said to all who stood against him, Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him will be put to death while it is still morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself; for his altar has been broken down.

Judg. 6:32 Therefore on that day he named Gideon Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, for he has broken down his altar.

E. As a result of the above four factors, Gideon received a reward—the economical Spirit came upon him (v. 34); hence, he became powerful and with only three hundred men defeated two princes and two kings, who had people “like a locust swarm in number” and “camels...without number” (v. 5; 7:25; 8:10-12); with Gideon we have a picture of a man

给我们看见一个与神联结的人，就是神人，如何实行神的话并完成神的经纶。

- 士 6:34 耶和华的灵披戴在基甸身上，他就吹角；亚比以谢族都应召跟随他。
- 士 6:5 因为那些人带着牲畜和帐棚上来，象蝗虫那样多，人和骆驼无数，都进入境内，毁坏那地。
- 士 7:25 捉住了米甸的两个首领俄立和西伊伯；将俄立杀在俄立磐石上，将西伊伯杀在西伊伯酒醉那里；又追赶米甸人，将俄立和西伊伯的首级带过约但河，到基甸那里。
- 士 8:10 那时西巴和撒慕拿，并跟随他们的军队都在加各，约有一万五千人，就是东方人全军所剩下的；已经倒毙的约有十二万拿刀的。
- 士 8:11 基甸就由挪巴和约比哈东边，从住帐棚人的路上去，在米甸军队安然无备的时候，击杀了他们。
- 士 8:12 西巴和撒慕拿逃跑；基甸追赶他们，捉住米甸的二王西巴和撒慕拿，惊散全军。

贰 得胜者如何蒙拣选，见于神如何拣选基甸，以及与他一同争战，击败米甸人的那三百人—六 1~6, 11~35, 七 1~8, 19~25, 八 1~4:

- 士 6:1 以色列人又行耶和华中看为恶的事，耶和华中就把他们交给米甸人手里七年。
- 士 6:2 米甸人的手压制以色列人；以色列人因米甸人的缘故，就在山中为自己挖穴、挖洞、建造营寨。
- 士 6:3 以色列人每逢撒种之后，米甸人、亚玛力人、和东方人都上来攻打他们，
- 士 6:4 对着他们安营，毁坏地的出产，直到迦萨，没有在以色列中留下食物，羊、牛、驴也没有留下；
- 士 6:5 因为那些人带着牲畜和帐棚上来，象蝗虫那样多，人和骆驼无数，都进入境内，毁坏那地。
- 士 6:6 以色列人因米甸人的缘故，极其穷乏；以色列人就哀求耶和华中。
- 士 6:11 耶和华的使者来到俄弗拉，在那里坐在属于亚比以谢人约阿施的橡树下；约阿施的儿子基甸正在酒醉那里打麦子，为要逃躲米甸人。
- 士 6:12 耶和华的使者向基甸显现，对他说，大能的勇士，耶和华中与你同在。
- 士 6:13 基甸说，我主，请容我说，耶和华中若与我们同在，我们何至遭遇这一切事呢？我们的列祖向我们叙述的，耶和华中一切奇妙的作为在哪里呢？他们说，耶和华中岂不是领我们从埃及上来么？现在祂却丢弃我们，将我们交给米甸人的手中。
- 士 6:14 耶和华中面向基甸，说，你靠着你这能力去拯救以色列人脱

who lived in union with God, a God-man, to fulfill God's word and to carry out God's economy.

- Judg. 6:34 And the Spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon; and he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called up behind him.
- Judg. 6:5 For they went up with their cattle and their tents and came in like a locust swarm in number; both they and their camels were without number. And they came into the land to destroy it.
- Judg. 7:25 And they captured two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine press of Zeeb; and they pursued Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.
- Judg. 8:10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their camps were with them, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of the entire camp of the children of the east; for there had fallen one hundred and twenty thousand men who drew the sword.
- Judg. 8:11 And Gideon went up by way of the tent dwellers, east of Nobah and Jogbehah; and he struck the camp when the camp was off guard.
- Judg. 8:12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued after them. And he captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and threw all the camp into confusion.

II. The selection of the overcomers is seen with God's selection of Gideon and the three hundred men to fight with him to defeat the Midianites—6:1-6, 11-35; 7:1-8, 19-25; 8:1-4:

- Judg. 6:1 Then the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and Jehovah delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years.
- Judg. 6:2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the children of Israel made for themselves the dens which are in the mountains as well as the caves and the strongholds.
- Judg. 6:3 And whenever Israel sowed its seed, Midian rose up with Amalek and the children of the east, and went up against them.
- Judg. 6:4 And they encamped against them and destroyed the produce of the land until you come to Gaza, and they left no sustenance in Israel, or sheep or ox or donkey.
- Judg. 6:5 For they went up with their cattle and their tents and came in like a locust swarm in number; both they and their camels were without number. And they came into the land to destroy it.
- Judg. 6:6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian. And the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.
- Judg. 6:11 And the Angel of Jehovah came and sat under the terebinth that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while Gideon his son was beating out the wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites.
- Judg. 6:12 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him and said to him, Jehovah is with you, valiant warrior.
- Judg. 6:13 And Gideon said to Him, Please, my lord, if Jehovah is with us, then why has all this happened to us? And where are all His wondrous deeds that our fathers recount to us, saying, Did not Jehovah bring us up out of Egypt? But now Jehovah has abandoned us and delivered us into the hand of Midian.
- Judg. 6:14 Then Jehovah turned to him and said, Go in this strength of yours, and save Israel from the hand

离米甸人的手，不是我差遣你去的么？
士 6:15 基甸说，主啊，请容我说，我凭什么拯救以色列人呢？我的家族在玛拿西支派中是至贫穷的，我在我的父家又是至微小的。
士 6:16 耶和華对他说，我必与你同在，你必击打米甸人，如击打一人一样。
士 6:17 基甸说，我若在你眼前蒙恩，求你给我显一个证据，使我知道是你与我说话。
士 6:18 求你不要离开这里，等我回到你这里，将礼物带来摆在你面前。他说，我必等你回来。
士 6:19 于是基甸去预备了一只山羊羔，用一伊法细面作了无酵饼，将肉放在筐内，把汤盛在壶中，带到橡树下使者那里献上。
士 6:20 神的使者对基甸说，将肉和无酵饼放在这磐石上，把汤倒出来。他就这样行了。
士 6:21 耶和華的使者伸出手内的杖，杖头挨了肉和无酵饼，就有火从磐石中上来，烧尽了肉和无酵饼。耶和華的使者就不见了。
士 6:22 基甸见他是耶和華的使者，就说，哀哉！主耶和華啊，我不好了，因为我面对面看见了耶和華的使者。
士 6:23 耶和華对他说，你安心，不要惧怕，你必不至于死。
士 6:24 于是基甸在那里为耶和華筑了一座坛，起名叫耶和華沙龙。这坛到如今还在亚比以谢族的俄弗拉。
士 6:25 当那夜，耶和華对基甸说，你取你父亲的牛来，就是那七岁的第二只牛，并且拆毁你父亲为巴力所筑的坛，砍下坛旁的木像，
士 6:26 在这保障顶上整齐齐地为耶和華你的神筑一座坛，将第二只牛献为燔祭，用你所砍下的木像作柴。
士 6:27 基甸就从他仆人中挑了十个人，照着耶和華告诉他的行了。他因怕父家和本城的人，不敢在白昼行事，就在夜间行了。
士 6:28 城里的人清早起来，见巴力的坛拆毁，坛旁的木像砍下，第二只牛献在新筑的坛上，
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士 6:31 约阿施对站着攻击他的众人说，你们是为巴力争辩么？你们要救他么？谁为他争辩，就要趁着早晨将谁处死。巴力若是神，有人拆毁他的坛，让他为自己争辩罢。
士 6:32 所以当日人称基甸为耶路巴力，意思说，他拆毁巴力的坛，让巴力与他争辩。
士 6:33 那时，所有的米甸人、亚玛力人、和东方人都聚集过河，在耶斯列谷安营。
士 6:34 耶和華的灵披戴在基甸身上，他就吹角；亚比以谢族都应召跟随他。

of Midian. Indeed I have sent you.
Judg. 6:15 And he said to Him, Please, Lord, by what way can I save Israel? My clan here is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.
Judg. 6:16 And Jehovah said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you will strike the Midianites as one man.
Judg. 6:17 And he said to Him, If now I have found favor in Your sight, perform a sign for me that it is You who are speaking with me.
Judg. 6:18 Do not depart from here until I come to You and bring my present and set it before You. And He said, I will remain until you return.
Judg. 6:19 So Gideon went and prepared a kid and an ephah of flour in unleavened cakes. He put the flesh in a basket and put the broth in a pot, and he brought it out to Him under the terebinth. And he presented it.
Judg. 6:20 And the Angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock; and pour out the broth. And he did so.
Judg. 6:21 And the Angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And fire came up from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And the Angel of Jehovah went from his sight.
Judg. 6:22 And Gideon saw that He was the Angel of Jehovah. And Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah! For I have seen the Angel of Jehovah face to face.
Judg. 6:23 And Jehovah said to him, Peace be with you. Do not be afraid; you shall not die.
Judg. 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to Jehovah, and he called it Jehovah-shalom. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
Judg. 6:25 And that night Jehovah said to him, Take your father's bull, that is, the second bull, seven years old; and tear down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.
Judg. 6:26 And build an altar to Jehovah your God upon the top of this stronghold in the ordered manner. Then take that second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you will cut down.
Judg. 6:27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as Jehovah had told him. But because he was too afraid of his father's house and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it at night.
Judg. 6:28 And when the men of the city rose up early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, broken down; and the Asherah beside it was cut down. And the second bull had been offered upon the altar that had been built.
Judg. 6:29 And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And after they inquired and sought about, they said, Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.
Judg. 6:30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.
Judg. 6:31 And Joash said to all who stood against him, Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him will be put to death while it is still morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself; for his altar has been broken down.
Judg. 6:32 Therefore on that day he named Gideon Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, for he has broken down his altar.
Judg. 6:33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east gathered together, and they crossed over and encamped in the valley of Jezreel.
Judg. 6:34 And the Spirit of Jehovah clothed Gideon; and he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called up behind him.

士 6:35 他打发使者到全玛拿西，玛拿西人也应召跟随他。他又打发使者到亚设、西布伦、拿弗他利，那些地方的人也都上来与他们会合。

士 7:1 耶路巴力，就是基甸，和一切跟随的人清早起来，在哈律泉旁安营。米甸营在他们北边的山谷，靠近摩利冈。

士 7:2 耶和華对基甸说，跟随你的人太多，我不能将米甸人交在他们手中，免得以色列人向我夸大，说，是我们自己的手救了我們。

士 7:3 现在你要宣告使百姓听见，说，凡惧怕战栗的，可以离开这里回去。于是有二万二千人回去，只剩下一万。

士 7:4 耶和華对基甸说，人还是太多；你要带他们下到水旁，我好在那里为你试试他们。我指着谁对你说，这人可以同你去，他就可以同你去；我指着谁对你说，这人不可同你去，他就不可同你去。

士 7:5 基甸就带他们下到水旁。耶和華对基甸说，凡用舌头舔水，象狗舔的，要使他单站在一处；凡屈膝跪下喝水的，也要使他单站在一处。

士 7:6 于是用手捧到嘴边舔水的有三百人，其余的人都屈膝跪下喝水。

士 7:7 耶和華对基甸说，我要用这舔水的三百人拯救你们，将米甸人交在你手中；其余的人都可以各归各处去。

士 7:8 这三百人就带着食物和角；其余的以色列人，基甸都打发他们各归各的帐棚，只留下这三百人。米甸营在他下边的山谷里。

士 7:19 基甸和跟随他的一百人，在午夜更之初，才换更的时候，来到营边，就吹角，打破手中的瓶。

士 7:20 三队的人都吹角，打破瓶子，左手拿着火把，右手拿着角，喊叫说，耶和華和基甸的刀！

士 7:21 他们在营的四围各站各的地方；全营的人都乱窜，一面喊叫，一面逃跑。

士 7:22 三百人吹响三百枝角，耶和華使全营的人用刀互相击杀，他们向西利拉逃到伯哈示他，直逃到靠近他巴，亚伯米何拉的河边。

士 7:23 以色列人就从拿弗他利、亚设、和全玛拿西，应召来追赶米甸人。

士 7:24 基甸打发人到以法莲全山地，说，你们下来攻击米甸人，争先把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉。于是以法莲的众人应召把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉，

士 7:25 捉住了米甸的两个首领俄立和西伊伯；将俄立杀在俄立磐石上，将西伊伯杀在西伊伯酒醉那里；又追赶米甸人，将俄立和西伊伯的首级带过约但河，到基甸那里。

士 8:1 以法莲人对基甸说，你去与米甸人争战，没有召我们同去，

Judg. 6:35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they were also called up behind him. And he sent messengers throughout Asher and Zebulun and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

Judg. 7:1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was to their north, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

Judg. 7:2 And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people with you are too many for Me to deliver Midian into their hand; Israel might vaunt himself against Me, saying, My own hand has saved me.

Judg. 7:3 Now then proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, Whoever is afraid and trembling should return and depart from here. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

Judg. 7:4 Then Jehovah said to Gideon, The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. And he of whom I say to you, This one shall go with you, he shall go with you. And every one of whom I say to you, This one shall not go with you, he shall not go.

Judg. 7:5 So he brought the people down to the water. And Jehovah said to Gideon, Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart; likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink.

Judg. 7:6 And the number of those who lapped the water into their mouth with their hand was three hundred men, but the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

Judg. 7:7 And Jehovah said to Gideon, Through the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and I will deliver Midian into your hand. But let all the other people go, each to his own place.

Judg. 7:8 Then the people took provisions in their hand and their trumpets; and he sent all the men of Israel away, each to his own tent, but retained the three hundred men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

Judg. 7:19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch. They had just then posted the watch. And they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.

Judg. 7:20 And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers; and they held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets were in their right hands to blow. And they cried out, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon!

Judg. 7:21 And each man stood in his place around the camp. Then the whole camp ran off, and they shouted and fled.

Judg. 7:22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Jehovah set each man's sword against his companion and against the whole camp. And the camp fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

Judg. 7:23 And the men of Israel were called up from Naphtali and from Asher and from all of Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

Judg. 7:24 Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and seize the waters against them as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. And every man of Ephraim was called up, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

Judg. 7:25 And they captured two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine press of Zeeb; and they pursued Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

Judg. 8:1 Then the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you done this thing to us, that you did not call

为什么这样待我们？他们就与基甸大大地争闹。

- 士 8:2 基甸对他们说，现在我行了什么能与你们相比呢？以法莲所拾取剩下的葡萄，不强过亚比以谢所摘收的葡萄么？
- 士 8:3 神已将米甸的首领俄立和西伊伯交在你们手中；我能行什么与你们相比呢？基甸说了这话，以法莲人向他的怒气就消了。
- 士 8:4 基甸和跟随他的三百人来到约但河，就过了河，虽然疲乏，还是追赶。

一 基甸的故事给我们看见如何成为得胜者：

1 我们必须认识己，看见我们自己是至微小的一六15，弗三8，太二十27～28，加六3。

- 士 6:15 基甸说，主啊，请容我说，我凭什么拯救以色列人呢？我的家族在玛拿西支派中是至贫穷的，我在我的父家又是至微小的。
- 弗 3:8 这恩典赐给了我这比众圣徒中最小者还小的，叫我将基督那追测不尽的丰富，当作福音传给外邦人，
- 太 20:27 你们中间无论谁想要为首，就必作你们的奴仆。
- 太 20:28 正如人子来，不是要受人的服事，乃是要服事人，并且要舍命，作多人的赎价。
- 加 6:3 人若不是什么，还以为是什么，就是自欺了。

2 我们必须看见属天的异象，就是基督乃是神永远经纶的中心与普及一士六12，徒二六16～22，西一17下，18下，提前一3～4，腓三8，10。

- 士 6:12 耶和华的使者向基甸显现，对他说，大能的勇士，耶和華与你同在。
- 徒 26:16 你起来站着，我向你显现，正是要选定你作执事和见证人，将你所看见我的事，和我将要显现给你的事，见证出来；
- 徒 26:17 我要拯救你脱离百姓和外邦人。
- 徒 26:18 我差你到他们那里去，叫他们的眼睛得开，从黑暗转入光中，从撒但权下转向神，又因信入我，得蒙赦罪，并在一切圣别的人中得着基业。
- 徒 26:19 亚基帕王啊，我故此没有违背那从天上来的异象，
- 徒 26:20 先向在大马色、耶路撒冷和犹太全地的人，后向外邦人传报，要悔改转向神，行事与悔改相称。
- 徒 26:21 因这些事，犹太人在殿里拿住我，想要杀我。
- 徒 26:22 然而我蒙神的帮助，直到今日还得站住，向尊卑老幼作见证，所讲的，并不外乎众申言者和摩西所说，必要发生的事，
- 西 1:17 祂在万有之先，万有也在祂里面得以维系；
- 西 1:18 祂也是召会身体的头；祂是元始，是从死人中复活的首生者，使祂可以在万有中居首位；
- 提前 1:3 我往马其顿去的时候，曾劝你仍住在以弗所，好嘱咐那几个人，不可教导与神的经纶不同的事，

us when you went to battle against Midian? And they contended with him sharply.

- Judg. 8:2 And he said to them, What have I done now to compare with you? Are not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?
- Judg. 8:3 It was into your hand that God gave the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their hostile spirit toward him subsided when he said this word.
- Judg. 8:4 Then Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the three hundred men with him, weary yet pursuing.

A. The account of Gideon shows us how to be an overcomer:

1. We must know the self, realizing ourselves to be the least—6:15; Eph. 3:8; Matt. 20:27-28; Gal. 6:3.

- Judg. 6:15 And he said to Him, Please, Lord, by what way can I save Israel? My clan here is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.
- Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
- Matt. 20:27 And whoever wants to be first among you shall be your slave;
- Matt. 20:28 Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.
- Gal. 6:3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

2. We must see the heavenly vision of Christ as the centrality and universality of God's eternal economy—Judg. 6:12; Acts 26:16-22; Col. 1:17b, 18b; 1 Tim. 1:3-4; Phil. 3:8, 10.

- Judg. 6:12 And the Angel of Jehovah appeared to him and said to him, Jehovah is with you, valiant warrior.
- Acts 26:16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;
- Acts 26:17 Delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you,
- Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.
- Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,
- Acts 26:20 But declared both to those in Damascus first and in Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea and to the Gentiles that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.
- Acts 26:21 Because of these things certain Jews seized me while I was in the temple and tried to slay me.
- Acts 26:22 Having therefore obtained the help which is from God, I have stood unto this day, testifying both to small and great, saying nothing apart from the things which both the prophets and Moses have said would take place,
- Col. 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
- Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;
- 1 Tim. 1:3 Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things

提前 1:4 也不可注意虚构无稽之事，和无穷的家谱；这等事只引起辩论，对于神在信仰里的经纶并无助益。
腓 3:8 不但如此，我也将万事看作亏损，因我以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝；我因祂已经亏损万事，看作粪土，为要赢得基督，
腓 3:10 使我认识基督、并祂复活的大能、以及同祂受苦的交通，模成祂的死，

3 我们必须照着神那美好、可喜悦、并纯全的旨意，将自己献上给神，当作活祭，有基督身体的实际和生活；（罗十二 1～5，参士六 21～24；）我们必须是听见并回应启示录二、三章里主对得胜者之呼召的人——二 7, 11, 17, 26～28，三 5, 12, 20～21，诗歌六四七首。

罗 12:1 所以弟兄们，我借着神的怜恤劝你们，将身体献上，当作圣别并讨神喜悦的活祭，这是你们合理的事奉。
罗 12:2 不要模仿这世代，反要借着心思的更新而变化，叫你们验证何为神那美好、可喜悦、并纯全的旨意。
罗 12:3 我借着所赐给我的恩典，对你们各人说，不要看自己过于所当看的，乃要照着神所分给各人信心的度量，看得清明适度。
罗 12:4 正如我们一个身体上有好些肢体，但肢体不都一样的功用；
罗 12:5 我们这许多人，在基督里是一个身体，并且各个互相作肢体，也是如此。
士 6:21 耶和华的使者伸出手内的杖，杖头挨了肉和无酵饼，就有火从磐石中上来，烧尽了肉和无酵饼。耶和华的使者就不见了。
士 6:22 基甸见祂是耶和华的使者，就说，哀哉！主耶和華啊，我不好了，因为我面对面看见了耶和华的使者。
士 6:23 耶和華对他说，你安心，不要惧怕，你必不至于死。
士 6:24 于是基甸在那里为耶和華筑了一座坛，起名叫耶和華沙龙。这坛到如今还在亚比以谢族的俄弗拉。
启 2:7 那灵向众召会所说的话，凡有耳的，就应当听。得胜的，我必将神乐园中生命树的果子赐给他吃。
启 2:11 那灵向众召会所说的话，凡有耳的，就应当听。得胜的，绝不会受第二次死的害。
启 2:17 那灵向众召会所说的话，凡有耳的，就应当听。得胜的，我必将那隐藏的玛哪赐给他，并赐他一块白石，上面写着新名，除了那领受的以外，没有人认识。
启 2:26 得胜的，又守住我的工作到底的，我要赐给他权柄制伏列国；
启 2:27 他必用铁杖辖管他们，将他们如同窑户的瓦器打得粉碎，象我从我父领受的权柄一样；
启 2:28 我又要把晨星赐给他。

1 Tim. 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

3. We must offer up ourselves to God as a living sacrifice according to His good, well-pleasing, and perfect will to have the reality and living of the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:1-5; cf. Judg. 6:21-24); we must be those who hear and answer the Lord's call in Revelation 2 and 3 for the overcomers—2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 20-21; Hymns, #894.

Rom. 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.
Rom. 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,
Rom. 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
Judg. 6:21 And the Angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And fire came up from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And the Angel of Jehovah went from his sight.
Judg. 6:22 And Gideon saw that He was the Angel of Jehovah. And Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah! For I have seen the Angel of Jehovah face to face.
Judg. 6:23 And Jehovah said to him, Peace be with you. Do not be afraid; you shall not die.
Judg. 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to Jehovah, and he called it Jehovah-shalom. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.
Rev. 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall by no means be hurt of the second death.
Rev. 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except him who receives it.
Rev. 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;
Rev. 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
Rev. 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

启 3:5 得胜的，必这样穿白衣；我也绝不从生命册上涂抹他的名，并且要在我父面前，和我父的众使者面前，承认他的名。

启 3:12 得胜的，我要叫他在我神殿中作柱子，他也绝不再从那里出去；我又要将我神的名，和我神城的名，（这城就是从天上从我神那里降下来的新耶路撒冷，）并我的新名，都写在他上面。

启 3:20 看哪，我站在门外叩门；若有听见我声音就开门的，我要进到 he 那里，我与他，他与我要一同坐席。

启 3:21 得胜的，我要赐他在我宝座上与我同坐，就如我得了胜，在我父的宝座上与他同坐一样。

诗歌六四七首

1 你愿否作主得胜者？	主正在呼召！
愿否作主忠心从者，	路虽不尽晓？
（副）你愿否作主得胜者，	满足主心愿？
主在呼召，主在呼召，	要你得冠冕！
2 你愿否作主得胜者？	要受主吸引；
“起初的爱”总不离弃，	直到那早晨。
3 你愿否作主得胜者？	倚靠主“生命”；
敢为主受逼迫、苦难，	至死不变更。
4 你愿否作主得胜者？	要作主见证；
若肯如此，“隐藏吗哪”	必作你供应。
5 你愿否作主得胜者，	单纯又真诚？
胜过所有邪恶混杂，	必得主“权柄”。
6 你愿否作主得胜者？	信赖活的主；
使你“衣服”不沾死污，	得生命祝福。
7 你愿否作主得胜者？	切勿弃主名！
遵守“主的忍耐之道”，	尽上你所能。
8 你愿否作主得胜者？	勿“不冷不热”；
切勿满意于你所有，	需更有所得。
9 你愿否作主得胜者？	主仍在呼召！
愿否立即对祂赤诚，	成全祂所要？

4 我们必须为着主的见证，拆毁我们心中、生活中、工作中的偶像，领悟一面神引导我们进入对基督作生命、亮光、能力的享受，另一面神是信实的，容许我们有经济上的困难、情感上的痛苦、身体上的痛苦，失去天然的长处，好使我们接受基督作我们的满足，被基督充满，并让祂在凡事上居首位—士六 25 ~ 28，约十 10，八 12，提后二 1，西一 17 下，18 下，约壹五 21，伯二二 24 ~ 26，太十 35 ~ 39，林后十二 7 ~ 9，伯一 1，22，二 9 ~ 10，三 1，11，林后四 5，林前二 2。

Rev. 3:5 He who overcomes will be clothed thus, in white garments, and I shall by no means erase his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rev. 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

Rev. 3:21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

Hymns, #894

1 Will you be an overcomer?	Christ is calling now!
Will you then be such a follower,	Though you know not how?
(Chorus) Will you be an overcomer?	Will you make this choice?
Christ is calling, Christ is calling,	Listen to His voice!
2 Will you be an overcomer?	To the Lord be drawn!
Keep the “first love,” never leave it,	Till the break of dawn.
3 Will you be an overcomer?	On His life depend!
Dare to suffer persecution,	Faithful to the end.
4 Will you be an overcomer?	Testimony bear!
Keep away from false religion,	”Hidden manna” share.
5 Will you be an overcomer,	Simple, real, and pure?
Overcome all evil mixture,	Ruling pow’r secure.
6 Will you be an overcomer?	Trust the living Lord!
Keep your “garments” from the deadness,	Win the life-reward.
7 Will you be an overcomer?	Never lukewarm be,
Ne’er content with what you’ve gotten,	More you need to see.
8 Will you be an overcomer?	Christ is calling still!
Will you now be loyal to Him,	His demand fulfill.

4. We must tear down the idols in our heart, in our life, and in our work for the Lord’s testimony, realizing that on the one hand, God leads us into the enjoyment of Christ as life, light, and power, and on the other hand, God is faithful to allow us to have financial difficulties, emotional sufferings, physical sufferings, and the loss of natural goodness in order that we would take Christ as our satisfaction, be filled with Christ, and allow Him to have the first place in all things—Judg. 6:25-28; John 10:10; 8:12; 2 Tim. 2:1; Col. 1:17b, 18b; 1 John 5:21; Job 22:24-26; Matt. 10:35-39; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; Job 1:1, 22; 2:9-10; 3:1, 11; 2 Cor. 4:5; 1 Cor. 2:2.

士 6:25 当那夜，耶和華对基甸说，你取你父亲的牛来，就是那七岁的第二只牛，并且拆毁你父亲为巴力所筑的坛，砍下坛旁的木像，

士 6:26 在这保障顶上整整齐齐地为耶和華你的神筑一座坛，将第二只牛献为燔祭，用你所砍下的木像作柴。

士 6:27 基甸就在他仆人中挑了十个人，照着耶和華告诉他的行了。他因怕父家和本城的人，不敢在白昼行事，就在夜间行了。

士 6:28 城里的人清早起来，见巴力的坛拆毁，坛旁的木像砍下，第二只牛献在新筑的坛上，

约 10:10 贼来了，无非是要偷窃、杀害、毁坏；我来了，是要叫羊得生命，并且得的更丰盛。

约 8:12 于是耶稣又对众人讲论说，我是世界的光，跟从我的，就绝不在黑暗里行，必要得着生命的光。

提后 2:1 所以，我的孩子，你要在基督耶稣里的恩典上得着加力，

西 1:17 祂在万有之先，万有也在祂里面得以维系；

西 1:18 祂也是召会身体的头；祂是元始，是从死人中复活的首生者，使祂可以在万有中居首位；

约壹 5:21 孩子们，你们要保守自己，远避偶像。

伯 22:24 将你的金块丢在尘土里，将俄斐的金子丢在溪河石头之间，

伯 22:25 全能者就必作你的金块，作你的宝银。

伯 22:26 那时你要以全能者为喜乐，向神仰起脸来。

太 10:35 因为我来是叫人不和：儿子反他的父亲，女儿反她的母亲，儿媳反她的婆婆；

太 10:36 人的仇敌就是自己家里的人。

太 10:37 爱父母过于爱我的，配不过我；爱儿女过于爱我的，配不过我；

太 10:38 不背起他的十字架，并跟从我的，也配不过我。

太 10:39 得着魂生命的，必要丧失魂生命；为我的缘故丧失魂生命的，必要得着魂生命。

林后 12:7 又恐怕我因所得启示的超越，就过于高抬自己，所以有一根刺，就是撒但的使者，加在我的肉体上，为要攻击我，免得我过于高抬自己。

林后 12:8 为这事，我三次求过主，叫这刺离开我。

林后 12:9 祂对我说，我的恩典够你用的，因为我的能力，是在人的软弱上显得完全。所以我极其喜欢夸我的软弱，好叫基督的能力覆庇我。

伯 1:1 乌斯地有一个人名叫约伯；这人完全且正直，敬畏神，远离恶事。

伯 1:22 在这一切的事上，约伯并不犯罪，也不以神为行事失当。

伯 2:9 他的妻子对他说，你仍然持守你的纯全么？你咒诅神，死了罢。

伯 2:10 约伯却对她说，你说话像个愚顽的妇人。难道我们从神得福乐，不也受灾祸么？在这一切的事上，约伯并不以嘴唇犯罪。

伯 3:1 此后，约伯开口咒诅自己的生日。

伯 3:11 我为何不出母胎而死，不出母腹而绝气？

Judg. 6:25 And that night Jehovah said to him, Take your father's bull, that is, the second bull, seven years old; and tear down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.

Judg. 6:26 And build an altar to Jehovah your God upon the top of this stronghold in the ordered manner. Then take that second bull, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you will cut down.

Judg. 6:27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as Jehovah had told him. But because he was too afraid of his father's house and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it at night.

Judg. 6:28 And when the men of the city rose up early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, broken down; and the Asherah beside it was cut down. And the second bull had been offered upon the altar that had been built.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

2 Tim. 2:1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

Col. 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

1 John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Job 22:24 And place your gold nuggets in the dust / And your gold of Ophir in the stones of the brooks,

Job 22:25 Then the Almighty will be your gold nuggets / And precious silver to you.

Job 22:26 For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, / And you will lift up your countenance to God.

Matt. 10:35 For I have come to set men at variance: a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

Matt. 10:36 And a man's enemies will be those of his household.

Matt. 10:37 He who loves father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me;

Matt. 10:38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Matt. 10:39 He who finds his soul-life shall lose it, and he who loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

2 Cor. 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.

2 Cor. 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

2 Cor. 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.

Job 1:22 In all this Job did not sin, nor did he charge God with unseemliness.

Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.

Job 2:10 But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Should we receive the good from God but not receive the ill? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 3:1 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

Job 3:11 Why did I not die at birth, / Come forth from the womb and expire?

林后 4:5 因为我们不是传自己，乃是传基督耶稣为主，也传自己为耶稣的缘故，作你们的奴仆。

林前 2:2 因为我曾定了主意，在你们中间不知道别的，只知道耶稣基督，并这位钉十字架的。

二 得胜者如何蒙拣选，见于那三百人如何被选上；神告诉基甸，跟随他的人太多，指明神要为以色列人争战；第一次挑选的结果，有二万二千人离开：

1 那些离开的人想要荣耀自己——士 7:1-2，约 5:41, 44。

士 7:1 耶路巴力，就是基甸，和一切跟随的人清早起来，在哈律泉旁安营。米甸营在他们北边的山谷，靠近摩利冈。

士 7:2 耶和华对基甸说，跟随你的人太多，我不能将米甸人交在他们手中，免得以色列人向我夸大，说，是我们自己的手救了我们。

约 5:41 我不接受从人来的荣耀。

约 5:44 你们互相受荣耀，却不寻求从独一之神来的荣耀，怎能信我呢？

2 那些离开的人是惧怕胆怯的——士 7:3，太 25:25，参申 20:5-8。

士 7:3 现在你要宣告使百姓听见，说，凡惧怕战栗的，可以离开这里回去。于是有二万二千人回去，只剩下一万。

太 25:25 我就害怕，去把你的一他连得埋藏在地里；请看，你仍有你所有的。

申 20:5 官长也要告诉百姓，说，有谁建造新房屋，尚未奉献呢？他可以回家去，免得他阵亡，别人去奉献。

申 20:6 有谁种葡萄园，尚未享用呢？他可以回家去，免得他阵亡，别人去享用。

申 20:7 有谁聘定了妻子，尚未迎娶呢？他可以回家去，免得他阵亡，别人去娶。

申 20:8 官长又要告诉百姓，说，有谁惧怕胆怯呢？他可以回家去，免得他弟兄的心融化，和他一样。

三 第二次的挑选，由百姓怎样喝水而决定；凡直接用嘴喝水的人，被神剔除；凡用手捧到嘴边喝水的人被神选上，因为他们是否认己的人；

2 Cor. 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

1 Cor. 2:2 For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified.

B. How the overcomers are selected is seen with the selection of the three hundred; by telling Gideon that he had too many people, God was indicating that He would fight for Israel; the first selection resulted in twenty-two thousand leaving:

1. Those who left wanted to glorify themselves—Judg. 7:1-2; John 5:41, 44.

Judg. 7:1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the spring of Harod. And the camp of Midian was to their north, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

Judg. 7:2 And Jehovah said to Gideon, The people with you are too many for Me to deliver Midian into their hand; Israel might vaunt himself against Me, saying, My own hand has saved me.

John 5:41 I do not receive glory from men.

John 5:44 How can you believe when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that is from the only God?

2. Those who left were fearful and afraid—Judg. 7:3; Matt. 25:25; cf. Deut. 20:5-8.

Judg. 7:3 Now then proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, Whoever is afraid and trembling should return and depart from here. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

Matt. 25:25 And I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the earth; behold, you have what is yours.

Deut. 20:5 And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, Is there any man who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

Deut. 20:6 Is there any man who has planted a vineyard and has not partaken of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man partake of it.

Deut. 20:7 Is there any man who has gotten engaged to a woman and has not taken her to himself? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her to himself.

Deut. 20:8 And the officers shall speak further to the people and say, Is there any man who is afraid and whose heart fails? Let him go and return to his house, so that the heart of his brothers does not melt like his heart.

C. The second selection was determined by how the people drank; those who drank directly with their mouth were eliminated by God; those who drank by bringing water in their hand to their mouth were selected by

借着这样喝水，他们能殷勤留意仇敌的任何攻击——士七 4～6：

- 士 7:4 耶和華對基甸說，人還是太多；你要帶他們下到水旁，我好在那里為你試試他們。我指着誰對你說，這人可以同你去，他就可以同你去；我指着誰對你說，這人不可同你去，他就不可同你去。
- 士 7:5 基甸就帶他們下到水旁。耶和華對基甸說，凡用舌頭舔水，象狗舔的，要使他單站在一處；凡屈膝跪下喝水的，也要使他單站在一處。
- 士 7:6 于是用手捧到嘴邊舔水的有三百人，其餘的人都屈膝跪下喝水。

1 那些有机会放纵自己，却不这样作的人，乃是已借着十字架受过对付而否认自己的人，他们为着神定旨的缘故，在主争战的日子，牺牲个人的安适——7 节，诗一一〇 3。

- 士 7:7 耶和華對基甸說，我要用這舔水的三百人拯救你們，將米甸人交在你手中；其餘的人都可以各歸各處去。
- 詩 110:3 當你爭戰的日子，你的民要以奉獻為彩飾，甘心獻上自己。你的少年人對你必如清晨的甘露。

2 得胜者绝对为着神的荣耀，他们除了怕得罪主和失去祂的同在之外，什么都不畏惧；（出三三 14～16；）他们让十字架对付己。（约壹三 8，来二 14，罗六 23，加二 20。）

- 出 33:14 耶和華說，我的同在必和你同去，我必使你得安息。
- 出 33:15 摩西對祂說，你的同在若不和我们同去，就不要把我们从这里领上去。
- 出 33:16 人如何得以知道，我和我的百姓在你眼前蒙恩？岂不是因你与我们同去，使我和我的百姓与地上的万民有分别么？
- 约壹 3:8 犯罪的是出于魔鬼，因为魔鬼从起初就犯罪。为此，神的儿子显现出来，是要消除魔鬼的作为。
- 来 2:14 儿女既同有血肉之体，祂也照样亲自分于血肉之体，为要借着死，废除那掌死权的，就是魔鬼，
- 罗 6:23 因为罪的工价乃是死，唯有神的恩赐，在我们的主基督耶稣里，乃是永远的生命。
- 加 2:20 我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命，是我在神儿子的信里，与祂联结所活的，祂是爱我，为我舍了自己。

God because they were self-denying persons; by drinking in this way, they were able to watch diligently for any attack by the enemy—Judg. 7:4-6:

- Judg. 7:4 Then Jehovah said to Gideon, The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. And he of whom I say to you, This one shall go with you, he shall go with you. And every one of whom I say to you, This one shall not go with you, he shall not go.
- Judg. 7:5 So he brought the people down to the water. And Jehovah said to Gideon, Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart; likewise everyone who bows down on his knees to drink.
- Judg. 7:6 And the number of those who lapped the water into their mouth with their hand was three hundred men, but the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

1. Those who have the chance to indulge themselves but will not do so are self-denying persons who have been dealt with by the cross, sacrificing their personal rest and comfort for the sake of God's purpose in the day of His warfare—v. 7; Psa. 110:3.

- Judg. 7:7 And Jehovah said to Gideon, Through the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and I will deliver Midian into your hand. But let all the other people go, each to his own place.
- Psa. 110:3 Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration. / Your young men will be to You / Like the dew from the womb of the dawn.

2. The overcomers are absolute for God's glory and are afraid of nothing except offending the Lord and losing His presence (Exo. 33:14-16); they allow the cross to deal with the self (1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14; Rom. 6:23; Gal. 2:20).

- Exo. 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.
- Exo. 33:15 And he said to Him, If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.
- Exo. 33:16 For how then shall it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, are distinct from all the other people who are on the face of the earth?
- 1 John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
- Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

四 神给基甸三百人，使他们成为一体，由辊入米甸营中的“一个大麦圆饼”所表征，使米甸人被击败，并使神得胜—士七 9 ~ 25:

- 士 7:9 当那夜，耶和华对基甸说，起来，下去攻营，因我已将那营交在你手中。
- 士 7:10 倘若你怕下去，就带你的仆人普拉下到营那里去。
- 士 7:11 你必听见他们所说的，然后你的手就必得加强，你就能下去攻营。于是基甸带着仆人普拉下到营边，靠近部队。
- 士 7:12 米甸人、亚玛力人、和一切东方人都散布在山谷中，如同蝗虫那样多；他们的骆驼无数，多如海边的沙。
- 士 7:13 基甸到了，就听见一人将梦告诉同伴说，我作了一梦，梦见一个大麦圆饼辊入米甸营中，到了帐幕，将帐幕撞倒，帐幕就翻转倾覆了。
- 士 7:14 那同伴回答说，这不是别的，乃是以色列人约阿施的儿子基甸的刀；神已将米甸和全营都交在他的手中。
- 士 7:15 基甸听见这梦的叙述和梦的讲解，就敬拜神。他回到以色列营中，说，起来罢，耶和华已将米甸营交在你们手中了。
- 士 7:16 于是基甸将三百人分作三队，把角和空瓶交在各人手里，瓶内都有火把。
- 士 7:17 他对他们说，你们要看着我，要照我所行的而行。我一到了营边，我怎样行，你们也要怎样行。
- 士 7:18 我和一切跟随我的人吹角的时候，你们也要在全营的四围吹角，喊叫说，耶和华和基甸的刀！
- 士 7:19 基甸和跟随他的一百人，在午夜更之初，才换更的时候，来到营边，就吹角，打破手中的瓶。
- 士 7:20 三队的人都吹角，打破瓶子，左手拿着火把，右手拿着角，喊叫说，耶和华和基甸的刀！
- 士 7:21 他们在营的四围各站各的地方；全营的人都乱窜，一面喊叫，一面逃跑。
- 士 7:22 三百人吹响三百枝角，耶和华使全营的人用刀互相击杀，他们向西利拉逃到伯哈示他，直逃到靠近他巴，亚伯米何拉的河边。
- 士 7:23 以色列人就从拿弗他利、亚设、和全玛拿西，应召来追赶米甸人。
- 士 7:24 基甸打发人到以法莲全山地，说，你们下来攻击米甸人，争先把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉。于是以法莲的众人应召把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉，
- 士 7:25 捉住了米甸的两个首领俄立和西伊伯；将俄立杀在俄立磐

D. God gave Gideon three hundred men and made them one body, signified by a “round loaf of barley bread” tumbling through the camp of the Midianites for their defeat and God’s victory—Judg. 7:9-25:

- Judg. 7:9 And that night Jehovah said to him, Arise; go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand.
- Judg. 7:10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down with Purah your young man into the camp;
- Judg. 7:11 And you will hear what they are saying. Then afterward your hands will be strengthened so that you can go down against the camp. So he went down with Purah his young man to the edge of the battle array that was in the camp.
- Judg. 7:12 Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay in the valley like a locust swarm in multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand on the seashore is in multitude.
- Judg. 7:13 And when Gideon came, at that moment a man was recounting a dream to his companion; and he said, I have just had a dream. There was this round loaf of barley bread tumbling through the camp of Midian. And it came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and it turned it upside down. And the tent collapsed.
- Judg. 7:14 And his companion answered and said, This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel. God has delivered Midian and all the camp into his hand.
- Judg. 7:15 And when Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he worshipped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, Arise, for Jehovah has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand.
- Judg. 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies; and he put trumpets into the hands of them all, as well as empty pitchers, with torches inside the pitchers.
- Judg. 7:17 And he said to them, Look at me, and do as I do. Right when I come to the edge of the camp, you shall do just as I do.
- Judg. 7:18 When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, you also blow the trumpets around all the camp and say, For Jehovah and for Gideon!
- Judg. 7:19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch. They had just then posted the watch. And they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.
- Judg. 7:20 And the three companies blew the trumpets and shattered the pitchers; and they held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets were in their right hands to blow. And they cried out, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon!
- Judg. 7:21 And each man stood in his place around the camp. Then the whole camp ran off, and they shouted and fled.
- Judg. 7:22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Jehovah set each man’s sword against his companion and against the whole camp. And the camp fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.
- Judg. 7:23 And the men of Israel were called up from Naphtali and from Asher and from all of Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.
- Judg. 7:24 Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and seize the waters against them as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. And every man of Ephraim was called up, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.
- Judg. 7:25 And they captured two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And they slew Oreb at the rock of

石上，将西伊伯杀在西伊伯酒醉那里；又追赶米甸人，将俄立和西伊伯的首级带过约但河，到基甸那里。

1 基甸和他的三百人同心合意，举动一致，作法一样，如同一人，表征在那灵里的合一，与在身体里的生活；他们在复活里，由先熟的谷物大麦所表征，（六 16，撒下二一 9，利二三 10，林前十五 20，）调和在一起，成为一饼，表征召会。（十 17。）

士 6:16 耶和華对他说，我必与你同在，你必击打米甸人，如击打一人一样。

撒下 21:9 交在基遍人的手里。基遍人就把他们，在耶和華面前悬挂在山上，这七人就一同死亡。他们被处死的时候，正是收割日子的起头，就是动手割大麦的时候。

利 23:10 你要对以色列人说，你们进了我赐给你们的地，收割庄稼的时候，要将初熟的庄稼一捆带给祭司；

林前 15:20 但如今基督，就是睡了之人初熟的果子，已经从死人中复活。

林前 10:17 因着只有一个饼，我们虽多，还是一个身体，因我们都分受这一个饼。

2 保罗认为召会是一个饼，这种想法乃是取自旧约里的素祭；（利二 4 ~ 5；）我们是许多子粒，（约十二 24，）使我们可以被磨成细面，用油调和，好作成饼，就是召会。（林前十二 24 ~ 25。）

利 2:4 你若献炉中烤的物为素祭作供物，就要用细面，作成调油的无酵饼，或抹油的无酵薄饼。

利 2:5 你的供物若用煎盘上作的物为素祭，就要用调油的无酵细面，

约 12:24 我实实在在地告诉你们，一粒麦子不落在地里死了，仍旧是一粒；若是死了，就结出许多子粒来。

林前 12:24 至于我们俊美的肢体，就不需要了。但神将这身体调和在一起，把更丰盈的体面加给那有缺欠的肢体，

林前 12:25 免得身体上有了分裂，总要肢体彼此同样相顾。

3 同工们和长老们必须彼此牧养，彼此相爱，作身体生活的模型，就是那些学习被调节、被调和、被除去，好为着实际的身体生活，凭着那灵作一切事，将基督分赐到彼此里面之人的模型—罗十二 1 ~ 5，参代下一 10。

罗 12:1 所以弟兄们，我借着神的怜恤劝你们，将身体献上，当作

Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine press of Zeeb; and they pursued Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

1. Gideon and his men moved and acted together in one accord as one man, signifying the oneness in the Spirit and the living in the Body; they were blended together in resurrection, signified by barley, the first-ripe grain (6:16; 2 Sam. 21:9; Lev. 23:10; 1 Cor. 15:20), to be one bread, signifying the church (10:17).

Judg. 6:16 And Jehovah said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you will strike the Midianites as one man.

2 Sam. 21:9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites. And they hanged them on the mountain before Jehovah, and the seven perished together. And they were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Lev. 23:10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I am giving you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest;

1 Cor. 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Cor. 10:17 Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.

2. Paul's thought of the church being one bread was taken from the Old Testament with the meal offering (Lev. 2:4-5); we are the many grains (John 12:24) so that we may be ground into fine flour mingled with oil for making the cake, the bread, of the church (1 Cor. 12:24-25).

Lev. 2:4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Lev. 2:5 And if your offering is a meal offering baked on a flat plate, it shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

1 Cor. 12:24 But our comely members have no need. But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked,

1 Cor. 12:25 That there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another.

3. All the co-workers and elders should shepherd one another and love one another to be a model of the Body life, a model of those who are learning to be tempered, blended, and crossed out in order to do everything by the Spirit to dispense Christ into one another for the practical Body life—Rom. 12:1-5; cf. 2 Chron. 1:10.

Rom. 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a

圣别并讨神喜悦的活祭，这是你们合理的事奉。

罗 12:2 不要模仿这世代，反要借着心思的更新而变化，叫你们验证何为神那美好、可喜悦、并纯全的旨意。

罗 12:3 我借着所赐给我的恩典，对你们各人说，不要看自己过于所当看的，乃要照着神所分给各人信心的度量，看得清明适度。

罗 12:4 正如我们一个身体上有好些肢体，但肢体不都一样的功用；

罗 12:5 我们这许多人，在基督里是一个身体，并且各个互相作肢体，也是如此。

代下 1:10 求你赐我智慧和知识，我好在这民前出入；不然，谁能审断你这众多的民呢？

五 基甸和他的三百人争战劳苦，但全会众追赶仇敌，收获成果，表征我们得胜时，基督的全体都要得复兴，直到耶和華作平安，耶和華沙龙，（士六 24，）在地上掌权—七 22 ~ 25，八 1 ~ 4，西一 24，诗一二八 5，赛三二 17，六六 12。

士 6:24 于是基甸在那里为耶和華筑了一座坛，起名叫耶和華沙龙。这坛到如今还在亚比以谢族的俄弗拉。

士 7:22 三百人吹响三百枝角，耶和華使全营的人用刀互相击杀，他们向西利拉逃到伯哈示他，直逃到靠近他巴，亚伯米何拉的河边。

士 7:23 以色列人就从拿弗他利、亚设、和全玛拿西，应召来追赶米甸人。

士 7:24 基甸打发人到以法莲全山地，说，你们下来攻击米甸人，争先把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉。于是以法莲的众人应召把守约但河的渡口，直到伯巴拉，

士 7:25 捉住了米甸的两个首领俄立和西伊伯；将俄立杀在俄立磐石上，将西伊伯杀在西伊伯酒醉那里；又追赶米甸人，将俄立和西伊伯的首级带过约但河，到基甸那里。

士 8:1 以法莲人对基甸说，你去与米甸人争战，没有召我们同去，为什么这样待我们？他们就与基甸大大地争闹。

士 8:2 基甸对他们说，现在我行了什么能与你们相比呢？以法莲所拾取剩下的葡萄，不强过亚比以谢所摘收的葡萄么？

士 8:3 神已将米甸的首领俄立和西伊伯交在你们手中；我能行什么与你们相比呢？基甸说了这话，以法莲人向他的怒气就消了。

士 8:4 基甸和跟随他的三百人来到约但河，就过了河，虽然疲乏，还是追赶。

西 1:24 现在我因着为你们所受的苦难喜乐，并且为基督的身体，就是为召会，在我一面，在我肉身上补满基督患难的缺欠；

诗 128:5 愿耶和華从锡安赐福给你；愿你一生的日子，看见耶路撒冷的美福。

赛 32:17 公义的果效必是平安；公义的效验必是平静稳妥，直到

living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.

Rom. 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

Rom. 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

2 Chron. 1:10 Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?

E. Gideon and his three hundred men fought the battle and labored, yet the whole congregation chased the enemy and reaped the harvest, signifying that when we overcome, the whole Body is revived until Jehovah as peace, Jehovah-shalom (Judg. 6:24), reigns on the earth—7:22-25; 8:1-4; Col. 1:24; Psa. 128:5; Isa. 32:17; 66:12.

Judg. 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there to Jehovah, and he called it Jehovah-shalom. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Judg. 7:22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Jehovah set each man's sword against his companion and against the whole camp. And the camp fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

Judg. 7:23 And the men of Israel were called up from Naphtali and from Asher and from all of Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

Judg. 7:24 Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and seize the waters against them as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan. And every man of Ephraim was called up, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

Judg. 7:25 And they captured two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine press of Zeeb; and they pursued Midian. And they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

Judg. 8:1 Then the men of Ephraim said to him, Why have you done this thing to us, that you did not call us when you went to battle against Midian? And they contended with him sharply.

Judg. 8:2 And he said to them, What have I done now to compare with you? Are not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?

Judg. 8:3 It was into your hand that God gave the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their hostile spirit toward him subsided when he said this word.

Judg. 8:4 Then Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the three hundred men with him, weary yet pursuing.

Col. 1:24 I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

Psa. 128:5 Jehovah bless you from Zion; / And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem / All the days of your life.

Isa. 32:17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, / And the result of righteousness, quietness and

永远。

赛 66:12 耶和華如此說，我要使平安延及她，好象江河；使列國的榮耀延及她，如同漲溢的河；你們要從中啣奶；你們必蒙抱在肋旁，搖弄在膝上。

六 基甸和他的三百人追趕米甸諸王時，“雖然疲乏，還是追趕。”（士八4下；）因著我們蒙了神的憐憫，在神永遠經綸的實際里盡職並生活，我們就不喪胆；（林後四1，16～18；）我們可能勞苦到疲乏的地步，但我們的勞苦是照著神在我們里面大能的運行。（西一28～29，林前十五58。）

士 8:4 基甸和跟隨他的三百人來到約但河，就過了河，雖然疲乏，還是追趕。

林後 4:1 因此，我們既照所蒙的憐憫，受了這職事，就不喪胆，

林後 4:16 所以我們不喪胆，反而我們外面的人雖然在毀壞，我們里面的人却日日在更新。

林後 4:17 因為我們這短暫輕微的苦楚，要極盡超越地為我們成就永遠重大的榮耀。

林後 4:18 我們原不是顧念所見的，乃是顧念所不見的，因為所見的是暫時的，所不見的才是永遠的。

西 1:28 我們宣揚祂，是用全般的智慧警戒各人，教導各人，好將各人在基督里成熟地獻上；

西 1:29 我也為此勞苦，照著祂在我里面大能的運行，竭力奮鬥。

林前 15:58 所以我親愛的弟兄們，你們務要堅固，不可搖動，常常竭力多作主工，因為知道你們的勞苦，在主里面不是徒然的。

叁 我們必須看見基甸失敗的關鍵內在的意義：

一 第一，基甸不仁慈；他殺了那些不支持他的同胞，（士八16～17，）干犯了神的第六條誡命；（出二十13；）基督是神的恩慈，領我們悔改。（羅二4，多三4，弗二7。）

士 8:16 於是捉住那城的長老，並拿野地的荊條和枳棘來，用以踹踏疏割人；

士 8:17 又拆了毗努伊勒的樓，殺了那城里的人。

出 20:13 不可殺人。

羅 2:4 還是你藐視祂豐富的恩慈、寬容與恒忍，不曉得神的恩慈是領你悔改？

多 3:4 然而，當我們救主神的恩慈，和祂對人的愛顯現的時候，

弗 2:7 好在要來的諸世代中，顯示祂在基督耶穌里，向我們所施

assurance forever.

Isa. 66:12 For thus says Jehovah, / I now am extending to her / Peace like a river, / And the glory of the nations / Like an overflowing stream; / And you will nurse, you will be carried on the hip, / And you will be bounced on the knees.

F. As Gideon and his men were pursuing the kings of Midian, they were “weary yet pursuing” (Judg. 8:4b); because we have received God’s mercy to minister and live in the reality of God’s eternal economy, we do not lose heart (2 Cor. 4:1, 16-18); we may labor to the point of exhaustion, but our labor is according to God’s operation, which operates in us in power (Col. 1:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:58).

Judg. 8:4 Then Gideon came to the Jordan and crossed over, he and the three hundred men with him, weary yet pursuing.

2 Cor. 4:1 Therefore having this ministry as we have been shown mercy, we do not lose heart;

2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2 Cor. 4:17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

2 Cor. 4:18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Col. 1:28 Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ;

Col. 1:29 For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

III. We must see the intrinsic significance of the secret of Gideon’s failure:

A. First, Gideon was not kind; he killed those countrymen who did not support him (Judg. 8:16-17), breaking the sixth commandment of God (Exo. 20:13); Christ as the kindness of God led us to repentance (Rom. 2:4; Titus 3:4; Eph. 2:7).

Judg. 8:16 And he took the elders of the city and the thorns of the wilderness and the briers, and with them he trampled the men of Succoth.

Judg. 8:17 And he broke down the tower of Penuel and slew the men of the city.

Exo. 20:13 You shall not kill.

Rom. 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God’s kindness is leading you to repentance?

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,

Eph. 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward

二 第二，他放纵肉体的情欲，（参加五 16，罗八 4，）对肉体的情欲毫不约束；这由士师记八章三十节所指明，那里告诉我们，基甸有七十个儿子，“因为他有许多妻子；”此外，他在示剑的妾，也给他生了一个儿子；（31；）借此基甸干犯了第七条诫命。（出二十 14。）

加 5:16 我说，你们当凭着灵而行，就绝不会满足肉体的情欲了。
罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。
士 8:30 基甸有七十个儿子，都是他亲生的，因为他有许多妻子。
士 8:31 他在示剑的妾，也给他生了一个儿子，基甸给他起名叫亚比米勒。
出 20:14 不可奸淫。

三 第三，虽然基甸在拒绝管理百姓的事上作得正确，（士八 22 ~ 23，）却贪恋百姓所夺的掠物（他们所夺的耳环），因而干犯了第十条诫命，百姓就将掠物交给他；基甸用他从百姓取得的金子制造了一个以弗得，这以弗得成了以色列人的偶像；（24 ~ 27，出三二 1 ~ 4 与 2 注 1；）结果，基甸的家和整个以色列社会都败坏了。

士 8:22 以色列人对基甸说，你既救我们脱离米甸人的手，愿你和你的儿孙管理我们。
士 8:23 基甸说，我不管理你们，我的儿子也不管理你们，唯有耶和华管理你们。
士 8:24 基甸又对他们说，我有一件事求你们，请你们各人将所夺的耳环给我。（原来米甸人都戴金耳环，因为他们是以实玛利人。）
士 8:25 他们说，我们情愿给你。于是铺开一件外衣，各人将所夺的耳环丢在其上。
士 8:26 基甸所要来的金耳环重一千七百舍客勒金子。此外还有米甸王身上的月牙圈、耳坠、和紫色衣服，并骆驼项上的链子。
士 8:27 基甸以此制造了一个以弗得，设立在本城俄弗拉。后来全以色列在那里随从这以弗得行了邪淫；这就作了基甸和他全家的网罗。
出 32:1 百姓见摩西迟延不下山，就大家聚集到亚伦那里，对他说，起来，为我们造神像，可以在我们前面引路；因为领我们从埃及地上来的那人摩西，我们不知道他遭遇了什么事。

B. Second, he indulged in the lust of the flesh (cf. Gal. 5:16; Rom. 8:4), not exercising any restriction over his fleshly lust; this is indicated by Judges 8:30, which tells us that Gideon had seventy sons, “for he had many wives”; in addition, his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son (v. 31); by this Gideon broke the seventh commandment (Exo. 20:14).

Gal. 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
Judg. 8:30 And Gideon had seventy sons, the issue of his loins, for he had many wives.
Judg. 8:31 And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech.
Exo. 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

C. Third, although Gideon did a good thing in refusing to rule over the people (Judg. 8:22-23), he coveted the spoil of his people (their golden earrings), thereby breaking the tenth commandment, and they surrendered it to him; Gideon made an ephod with the gold he had taken from the people, and this ephod became an idol to the children of Israel (vv. 24-27; Exo. 32:1-4 and footnote 1 on v. 2); as a result, Gideon’s family and the entire society of Israel were corrupted.

Judg. 8:22 And the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson as well; for you have saved us from the hand of Midian.
Judg. 8:23 But Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. Jehovah will rule over you.
Judg. 8:24 And Gideon said to them, Let me make a request of you, that each of you give me an earring from his spoil. (The Midianites had golden earrings, for they were Ishmaelites.)
Judg. 8:25 And they said, We will willingly give it. And they spread out a garment, and each of them threw an earring from his spoil there.
Judg. 8:26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold. This was besides the crescents and the pendants and the purple garments that were upon the kings of Midian and besides the chains that were on their camels’ necks.
Judg. 8:27 And Gideon made an ephod with it and placed it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel went as harlots to it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his house.
Exo. 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered against Aaron and said to him, Come, make a god for us who will go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.

出 32:2 亚伦对他们说，把你们妻子、儿子、女儿耳上的金环¹摘下，拿来给我。

出 32:3 众百姓就把他们耳上的金环摘下，拿来给亚伦。

出 32:4 亚伦从他们手里接过来，铸了一只牛犊，是用雕刻的工具作成的。他们就说，以色列啊，这是领你从埃及地上来的神。

出 32:2 注 1 百姓戴金耳环是为着妆饰自己。这指明自我妆饰导致拜偶像。（参创三五 4 与注。）不仅如此，耳环的金子是神在以色列人出埃及以前赐给他们，（十二 35 ~ 36，）要用来建造帐幕的。（二五 3，三五 5。）但这金子在用来为着神的定旨以前，就被撒但篡夺，被神的子民用来作成偶像。因此，拜偶像乃是撒但篡夺以及人滥用神为着祂的定旨所赐给的，以致将其糟蹋。

四 士师记是关于享受那预表基督的美地；基甸的成功指明得着绝佳的机会享受基督，而他的失败指明失去享受基督的机会。

肆 基甸放纵性欲并贪恋金子，导致拜偶像；贪婪就是拜偶像，（西三 5，）淫乱和贪婪都连于拜偶像；（弗五 5；）基甸的失败给我们看见，我们在对付性欲和钱财的事上，必须施行严格的管制：

西 3:5 所以要治死你们在地上的肢体，就是淫乱、污秽、邪情、恶欲和贪婪，贪婪就是拜偶像，

弗 5:5 因为你们晓得这事，知道凡是淫乱的，或是污秽的，或是贪婪的，（就是拜偶像的，）在基督和神的国里，都得不到基业。

一 甚至在以色列国和以色列国最高峰的威荣里得荣耀的所罗门王，（王上四 34，八 10 ~ 11，）起初是敬畏神、爱神的人，至终由于娶了许多外邦妻子，也成了拜偶像的人。（十一 1 ~ 13，见 43 注 1。）

王上 4:34 从万民中，从地上一切听见所罗门智慧的君王那里，都有人来听他的智慧话。

王上 8:10 祭司从圣所出来的时候，有云充满耶和华的殿；

王上 8:11 因着那云的缘故，祭司不能站立供职，因为耶和华的荣光充满了耶和华的殿。

王上 11:1 所罗门王在法老的女儿之外，又宠爱许多外邦女子，就是

Exo. 32:2 And Aaron said to them, Tear off the gold rings¹, which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.

Exo. 32:3 And all the people tore off the golden rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

Exo. 32:4 And he took the gold from their hand and fashioned it with an engraving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!

32:2 footnote 1 The gold earrings were worn by the people for self-beautification. This indicates that self-beautification leads to idolatry (cf. Gen. 35:4 and note). Furthermore, the gold in the earrings was given to the children of Israel by God before their exodus from Egypt (12:35-36) and was to be used for the building of the tabernacle (25:3; 35:5). However, before the gold could be used for God's purpose, it was usurped by Satan and used by God's people to make an idol. Hence, idolatry is Satan's usurping and man's abusing of what God has given for His purpose, in order to make it a waste.

D. Judges is a book concerning the enjoyment of the good land, which is a type of Christ; Gideon's success indicates the gaining of an excellent opportunity to enjoy Christ, but his failure indicates the losing of the opportunity to enjoy Christ.

IV. Gideon's indulgence in sex and his greediness for gold led to idolatry; greediness is idolatry (Col. 3:5), and both fornication and greediness are linked to idol worship (Eph. 5:5); his failure shows us that we need to exercise strict control in dealing with the matters of sex and wealth:

Col. 3:5 Put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and greediness, which is idolatry;

Eph. 5:5 For this you realize, knowing that every fornicator or unclean person or greedy person (who is an idolater) has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

A. Even King Solomon, who was glorified in the kingdom of Israel with the splendor of that kingdom at its highest peak (1 Kings 4:34; 8:10-11) and began as a God-fearing and God-loving person, eventually became an idol worshipper through his many foreign wives (11:1-13; see footnote 1 on v. 43).

1 Kings 4:34 And they came from all the peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

1 Kings 8:10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, the cloud filled the house of Jehovah;

1 Kings 8:11 And the priests were not able to stand and minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah.

1 Kings 11:1 But King Solomon loved many foreign women in addition to Pharaoh's daughter-Moabite,

摩押女子、亚扪女子、以东女子、西顿女子、赫人女子。

王上 11:2 论到这些国民，耶和華曾对以色列人说，你们不可到他们中间去，他们也不可到你们中间来，因为他们必使你们的心偏离，去随从他们的神。所罗门却爱恋这些国的女子。

王上 11:3 所罗门有妃七百，都是公主，还有嫔三百；这些妃嫔使他的心偏离了。

王上 11:4 所罗门年老的时候，他的妃嫔使他的心偏离，去随从别神；他的心就不象他父亲大卫的心那样，完全向着耶和華他的神。

王上 11:5 所罗门随从西顿人的女神亚斯他录，和亚扪人的可憎之物米勒公。

王上 11:6 所罗门行耶和華眼中看为恶的事，不象他父亲大卫那样，专一跟从耶和華。

王上 11:7 所罗门为摩押的可憎之物基抹，和亚扪人的可憎之物摩洛，在耶路撒冷对面的山上建筑邱坛。

王上 11:8 他为所有向自己的神烧香献祭的外邦妃嫔，也是这样行。

王上 11:9 耶和華向所罗门发怒，因为他的心偏离了耶和華以色列的神；耶和華曾两次向他显现，

王上 11:10 并曾为这事吩咐他不可随从别神；他却没有遵守耶和華所吩咐的。

王上 11:11 耶和華对所罗门说，你既行了这事，不遵守我所吩咐你守的约和律例，我必将你的国撕去，赐给你的臣仆。

王上 11:12 然而，因你父亲大卫的缘故，我不在你活着的日子行这事，我必从你儿子的手中將国撕去。

王上 11:13 只是我不將全国从你撕去；我要因我仆人大卫和我所选择的耶路撒冷，将一个支派留给你的儿子。

王上 11:43 所罗门与他列祖同睡¹，葬在他父亲大卫的城里。他儿子罗波安接续他作王。

王上 11:43 注 1 所罗门的崩逝 (41 ~ 43) 是在沮丧失望之中。他的荣美像草上的花凋谢，(太六 29, 彼前一 24,) 他荣华的一生成为了“虚空的虚空，”正如他所传讲的。(传一 2。)然而，神借着祂(预表基督)所作的，却存到永远。(见二 1 注 1。)

在属灵生命的光下，所罗门显然是智慧人而不是属灵人；他是有才干的人，却不是生命的人；他的智慧是恩赐，而不是生命的度量。他一生的成就，乃是证明他有来自神所给智慧之恩赐的才干，而不是显出神圣生命成熟的才能。才干离了生命就象蛇，毒害神的子民；生命乃象鸽子，以生命供应神的子民。参得四 18 注 1。

所罗门借着神所给的恩赐，对神所赐美地的享受达到最高水平。然而，因着他属灵生命的成熟度量很小，放纵情欲不受约束，就从神经纶之美地的享受截断。他的父亲大卫，一个合乎神心的人，因这同样粗鄙且丑恶的罪而失败。(撒下十一。)所罗门在这属撒但的试诱下失败，更甚于他父亲。这使他的子孙丧失百分之九十以上的国度，导致神选民中间历世历代的分裂与混乱。至终，他们失去神所赐之

Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

1 Kings 11:2 From among the nations concerning which Jehovah had said to the children of Israel, You shall not go among them, nor shall they come among you, for they will surely turn your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love.

1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred princess wives and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

1 Kings 11:4 And when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect toward Jehovah his God like the heart of David his father.

1 Kings 11:5 And Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable thing of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6 And Solomon did what was evil in the sight of Jehovah and did not fully follow Jehovah as David his father had done.

1 Kings 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place to Chemosh the detestable thing of Moab in the mountain that is before Jerusalem and to Molech the detestable thing of the children of Ammon.

1 Kings 11:8 And so he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.

1 Kings 11:9 So Jehovah became angry with Solomon because his heart turned away from Jehovah the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

1 Kings 11:10 And who had commanded him concerning this very matter, not to go after other gods; but he did not keep that which Jehovah had commanded.

1 Kings 11:11 And Jehovah said to Solomon, Because you have done this and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.

1 Kings 11:12 However I will not do it in your days, because of David your father; I will tear it out of your son's hand.

1 Kings 11:13 But I will not tear the whole kingdom away from you; I will give one tribe to your son because of David My servant and because of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.

1 Kings 11:43 And Solomon slept¹ with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

1 Kings 11:43 footnote 1

Solomon's decease (vv. 41-43) was in gloomy disappointment. His glory fell off like the flower of grass (Matt. 6:29; 1 Pet. 1:24), and his splendid career became "vanity of vanities," as he had preached (Eccl. 1:2). However, what God did through him as a type of Christ remains forever (see note 1¹ in ch. 2).

Under the light of the spiritual life, it is clear that Solomon was a wise man but not a spiritual man; a man of capability, not a man of life; a man whose wisdom was a gift, not a measure of life. The careers he accomplished were evidences of his capacity from his God-given gift of wisdom, not manifestations of the ability of the maturity of the divine life. Capability apart from life is like a snake, poisoning God's people; life is like a dove, supplying God's people with life. Cf. note 18¹ in Ruth 4.

Solomon's enjoyment of the God-given good land reached the highest level through his God-given gift. However, because of his small measure in the maturity of the spiritual life, he was cut off from the enjoyment of the good land in God's economy because of his unbridled indulgence of his lust. His father David, a man according to God's heart, failed in this same gross and ugly sin (2 Sam. 11). Solomon's failure in this satanic temptation was much greater than his father's. This caused his descendants to lose more than ninety percent of their kingdom and caused the people of God's elect to suffer division and confusion among themselves throughout

地，在外邦拜偶像之地成为俘虏。因着所罗门的失败，以色列国现今仍在受苦。这对我们该是何等的警戒和警示！我们必须谨慎；在放纵情欲上甚至一点失败，也会破坏召会，扼杀召会生活光辉的一面。

二 基甸死后，以色列人的堕落开始于离弃耶和华他们的神，并且敬拜迦南人的偶像；结果他们就放纵肉体的情欲；此外，基甸的妾的儿子亚比米勒，杀了基甸的其他七十个儿子，而另一个儿子约坦逃跑了一士八 33～九 57。

- 士 8:33 基甸死后，以色列人又转去随从诸巴力行邪淫，以巴力比利土为他们的神。
- 士 8:34 以色列人不纪念耶和华他们的神，就是拯救他们脱离四围众仇敌之手的；
- 士 8:35 也不照着耶路巴力，就是基甸，向以色列所行一切的善，以恩慈待他的家。
- 士 9:1 耶路巴力的儿子亚比米勒，到了示剑见他的众母舅，对他们和他外祖全家的人说，
- 士 9:2 请你们说给示剑所有的居民听：是耶路巴力的众子七十人都管理你们好呢？还是一人管理你们好？你们又要纪念我是你们的骨肉。
- 士 9:3 他的众母舅便将这一切话为他说给示剑的居民听；示剑人的心就归向亚比米勒，因为他们说，他原是我们的弟兄。
- 士 9:4 他们从巴力比利土的庙中取了七十锭银子给亚比米勒；亚比米勒用这银子雇了些无赖放荡之徒，他们便跟随他。
- 士 9:5 他往俄弗拉到他父亲的家，将他的弟兄，耶路巴力的众子七十人都杀在一块石头上；只剩下耶路巴力的小儿子约坦，因为他躲藏了。
- 士 9:6 示剑所有的居民和米罗全家一同聚集，往示剑柱子的橡树旁，立亚比米勒为王。
- 士 9:7 有人将这事告诉约坦，他就去站在基利心山顶上，向众人大声喊叫，说，示剑的居民哪，你们要听我的话，神也只听你们的话。
- 士 9:8 有一次，众树要去膏一树作他们的王，就去对橄榄树说，请你作我们的王。
- 士 9:9 橄榄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那尊重神和人的油，去飘飘在众树之上呢？
- 士 9:10 众树对无花果树说，请你来作我们的王。
- 士 9:11 无花果树对他们说，我岂可停止结出我的甘甜和美果，去飘飘在众树之上呢？
- 士 9:12 众树对葡萄树说，请你来作我们的王。
- 士 9:13 葡萄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那使神和人喜乐的新酒，去飘飘在众树之上呢？
- 士 9:14 于是所有的树对荆棘说，请你来作我们的王。

many generations. Eventually, they lost the God-given land and became captives in the foreign lands of idol worship. The nation of Israel is still suffering because of Solomon's failure. What a warning and an alarm this should be to us! We must be careful. Even a little failure in the indulgence of lust can damage the church and kill the splendid aspects of the church life.

B. After Gideon died, Israel's degradation was initiated in their forsaking of Jehovah their God and their worshipping the idols of the Canaanites, which issued in their indulgence in fleshly lust; also, the son of Gideon's concubine, Abimelech, slew seventy of Gideon's other sons, whereas Jotham, another son, escaped—Judg. 8:33—9:57.

- Judg. 8:33 And as soon as Gideon died, the children of Israel turned again and went as harlots after the Baals. And they made Baal-berith their god.
- Judg. 8:34 And the children of Israel did not remember Jehovah their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies all around;
- Judg. 8:35 Nor did they show mercy to the house of Jerubbaal, that is, Gideon, for all the good he had done to Israel.
- Judg. 9:1 Then Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers; and he spoke to them and to all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,
- Judg. 9:2 Speak now in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem, What is better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, rule over you, or that one man rule over you? Now remember that I am your bone and your flesh.
- Judg. 9:3 And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the hearing of all the lords of Shechem with all these words; and their heart inclined toward Abimelech, for they said, He is our brother.
- Judg. 9:4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal-berith. And with it Abimelech hired worthless and wanton men, and they followed after him.
- Judg. 9:5 And he went to his father's house in Ophrah and slew his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone; but Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left, for he hid himself.
- Judg. 9:6 Then all the lords of Shechem and all the house of Millo gathered, and they went and made Abimelech king at the terebinth of the pillar that was in Shechem.
- Judg. 9:7 And when Jotham was told, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim and lifted up his voice and called out and said to them, Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, that God may listen to you.
- Judg. 9:8 The trees once went forth to anoint a king over themselves. And they said to the olive tree, Reign over us.
- Judg. 9:9 But the olive tree said to them, Shall I leave my fatness, because of which God and men are honored by me, and go to wave over the trees?
- Judg. 9:10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, You come and reign over us.
- Judg. 9:11 But the fig tree said to them, Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to wave over the trees?
- Judg. 9:12 Then the trees said to the vine, You come and reign over us.
- Judg. 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?
- Judg. 9:14 So all the trees said to the bramble, You come and reign over us.

士 9:15 荆棘对他们说，你们若真诚的膏我为王，就要来投靠在下的荫下；不然，愿火从荆棘里出来，烧灭利巴嫩的香柏树。

士 9:16 现在你们若凭真诚和正直而行，立亚比米勒为王，若善待耶路巴力和他的家，照他手当得的待他；

士 9:17 (从前我父为你们争战，冒着性命的危险，救了你们脱离米甸人的手。

士 9:18 你们如今却起来攻击我的父家，将他众子七十人杀在一块石头上，又立他婢女所生的儿子亚比米勒为示剑居民的王；他原是你们的弟兄；)

士 9:19 你们如今若凭真诚和正直待耶路巴力和他的家，就可因亚比米勒喜乐，他也可因你们喜乐；

士 9:20 不然，愿火从亚比米勒发出，烧灭示剑的居民和米罗家，又愿火从示剑居民和米罗家发出，烧灭亚比米勒。

士 9:21 约坦因怕他弟兄亚比米勒，就逃跑，来到比珥，住在那里。

士 9:22 亚比米勒管理以色列人三年。

士 9:23 神打发恶灵到亚比米勒和示剑的居民中间，示剑的居民就以诡诈待亚比米勒；

士 9:24 这是要叫耶路巴力七十个儿子所受的残害得着报复，又叫那流他们血的罪归与他们的弟兄亚比米勒，就是那杀害他们的，并归与帮助他杀弟兄的示剑居民。

士 9:25 示剑的居民在山顶上设埋伏，等候亚比米勒；凡路过他们那里的人，他们就抢夺。有人将这事告诉亚比米勒。

士 9:26 以别的儿子迦勒和他的弟兄来到示剑，示剑的居民都信靠他。

士 9:27 示剑的居民出城到田间去，摘取葡萄园的葡萄，酿酒，摆设感谢宴，进他们神的庙中吃喝，咒诅亚比米勒。

士 9:28 以别的儿子迦勒说，亚比米勒是谁？我们示剑人是谁，竟要服事他？他不是耶路巴力的儿子么？他的官员不是西布勒么？你们要服事示剑的父亲哈抹的后人；我们为何要服事亚比米勒呢？

士 9:29 唯愿这民交在我的手下，我就除掉亚比米勒。迦勒又对亚比米勒说，增添你的军兵出来罢！

士 9:30 那城的官长西布勒听见以别的儿子迦勒的话，就发怒，

士 9:31 打发使者去多珥玛见亚比米勒，说，以别的儿子迦勒和他的弟兄到了示剑，煽惑城中的民攻击你。

士 9:32 现在你和跟随你的人今夜起来，在田间埋伏；

士 9:33 到早晨太阳一出，你就早早起来闯城。迦勒和跟随他的人出来攻击你的时候，你便向他们见机而作。

士 9:34 于是，亚比米勒和跟随他的众人夜间起来，分作四队，向着示剑设下埋伏。

士 9:35 以别的儿子迦勒出去，站在城门口。亚比米勒和跟随他的人从埋伏之处起来。

士 9:36 迦勒看见那些人，就对西布勒说，看哪，有人从山顶上下

Judg. 9:15 And the bramble said to the trees, If you are truly anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge under my shade; but if not, may fire come forth from the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon!

Judg. 9:16 Now therefore if you have dealt truly and with integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt in a good way toward Jerubbaal and toward his house, and if you have dealt with him as his hands have deserved—

Judg. 9:17 (For my father fought for you and risked his life, and he delivered you from the hand of Midian.

Judg. 9:18 But you have risen up today against the house of my father and have slain his sons, seventy men, on one stone; and you have made Abimelech the son of his female servant king over the lords of Shechem, for he is your brother.)

Judg. 9:19 Now if you have dealt truly and with integrity toward Jerubbaal and toward his house today, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

Judg. 9:20 But if not, may fire come forth from Abimelech and devour the lords of Shechem and the house of Millo, and may fire come forth from the lords of Shechem and the house of Millo and devour Abimelech!

Judg. 9:21 And Jotham ran off and fled, and he came to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.

Judg. 9:22 And Abimelech was prince over Israel three years.

Judg. 9:23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the lords of Shechem, and the lords of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

Judg. 9:24 So that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged and so that their blood might be put upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them, and upon the lords of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to slay his brothers.

Judg. 9:25 And the lords of Shechem set men in ambush for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed everyone who passed by them on the way; and Abimelech was told.

Judg. 9:26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went over to Shechem, and the lords of Shechem put their trust in him.

Judg. 9:27 And they went out into the field and gathered the grapes of their vineyards and trod them, and had a festival. And they went to the house of their god and ate and drank, and they cursed Abimelech.

Judg. 9:28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech and who are we of Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem; but why should we serve this man?

Judg. 9:29 But, oh, that this people were put in my hand; then I would remove Abimelech. And he said of Abimelech, Increase your army and come out!

Judg. 9:30 When Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned.

Judg. 9:31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech in Tormah, saying, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have now come to Shechem, and now they are stirring up the city against you.

Judg. 9:32 And now rise up at night, you and the people with you, and wait in ambush in the field;

Judg. 9:33 And in the morning, as soon as the sun rises, you shall rise up early and rush on the city. And right when he and the people with him come out against you, you shall do with him as you find occasion.

Judg. 9:34 And Abimelech and all the people with him rose up at night and waited in ambush against Shechem in four companies.

Judg. 9:35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And Abimelech and the people with him rose up from the ambush.

Judg. 9:36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Look, people are coming down from the tops

来了。西布勒说，你看见山的影子，以为是人。

- 士 9:37 迦勒又说，看哪，有人从地的高处下来，又有一队从米恶尼尼橡树的路上而来。
- 士 9:38 西布勒对他说，你曾说，亚比米勒是谁，我们竟要服事他？你所夸的口在哪里呢？这不是你所藐视的民么？你现在出去，与他们交战罢。
- 士 9:39 于是迦勒率领示剑的居民出去，与亚比米勒交战。
- 士 9:40 亚比米勒追赶迦勒，迦勒在他面前逃跑；有许多受伤仆倒的，直到城门口。
- 士 9:41 亚比米勒住在亚鲁玛。西布勒赶出迦勒和他的弟兄们，不准他们住在示剑。
- 士 9:42 次日，民出到田间，有人告诉亚比米勒；
- 士 9:43 他就把他的人分作三队，埋伏在田间，看见有人从城里出来，就起来击杀他们。
- 士 9:44 亚比米勒和跟随他的队伍向前闯去，站在城门口；有两队直闯到田间的众人那里，把他们击杀了。
- 士 9:45 亚比米勒整天攻打城，将城夺取，杀了其中的人，将城拆毁，撒上了盐。
- 士 9:46 示剑楼所有的居民都听见了，就躲入巴力比利土庙的卫所。
- 士 9:47 有人告诉亚比米勒说，示剑楼的居民都聚在一处。
- 士 9:48 亚比米勒和跟随他的人就都上撒们山。亚比米勒手拿斧子，砍下一根树枝，扛在肩上，对跟随他的人说，你们看我所行的，也当赶紧照样行。
- 士 9:49 众人也就各砍一枝，跟随亚比米勒，把树枝对着卫所堆起来，放火烧里面的人，把卫所烧了，以致示剑楼的人也都死了，男女约有一千。
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- Judg. 9:47 And Abimelech was told that all the lords of the tower of Shechem had gathered together.
- Judg. 9:48 And Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him. And Abimelech took an ax in his hand and cut down a tree limb. And he lifted it up and put it on his shoulder, and he said to the people who were with him, What you see me doing, hurry and do as I have done.
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三 约坦大胆宣告，将亚比米勒的掌权比喻为荆棘的掌权，与那些拒绝野心并成为神子民供应管道，象橄榄树、无花果树、和葡萄树的人相对；（8～13；）神报应亚比米勒向他父亲所行的恶，（14～55，）就是杀了自己弟兄七十个人；神也将示剑人一切的恶报应在他们头上；耶路巴力（基甸—六32）的儿子约坦的咒诅都归到他们身上。（九56～57。）

- 士 9:8 有一次，众树要去膏一树作他们的王，就去对橄榄树说，请你作我们的王。
- 士 9:9 橄榄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那尊重神和人的油，去飘飘在众树之上呢？
- 士 9:10 众树对无花果树说，请你来作我们的王。
- 士 9:11 无花果树对他们说，我岂可停止结出我的甘甜和美果，去飘飘在众树之上呢？
- 士 9:12 众树对葡萄树说，请你来作我们的王。
- 士 9:13 葡萄树对他们说，我岂可停止生产我那使神和人喜乐的新酒，去飘飘在众树之上呢？
- 士 9:14 于是所有的树对荆棘说，请你来作我们的王。
- 士 9:15 荆棘对他们说，你们若真诚的膏我为王，就要来投靠在我的荫下；不然，愿火从荆棘里出来，烧灭利巴嫩的香柏树。
- 士 9:16 现在你们若凭真诚和正直而行，立亚比米勒为王，若善待耶路巴力和他的家，照他手当得的待他；
- 士 9:17 （从前我父为你们争战，冒着性命的危险，救了你们脱离米甸人的手。
- 士 9:18 你们如今却起来攻击我的父家，将他众子七十人杀在一块石头上，又立他婢女所生的儿子亚比米勒为示剑居民的王；他原是你们的弟兄；）
- 士 9:19 你们如今若凭真诚和正直待耶路巴力和他的家，就可因亚比米勒喜乐，他也可因你们喜乐；
- 士 9:20 不然，愿火从亚比米勒发出，烧灭示剑的居民和米罗家，又愿火从示剑居民和米罗家发出，烧灭亚比米勒。
- 士 9:21 约坦因怕他弟兄亚比米勒，就逃跑，来到比珥，住在那里。
- 士 9:22 亚比米勒管理以色列人三年。
- 士 9:23 神打发恶灵到亚比米勒和示剑的居民中间，示剑的居民就以诡诈待亚比米勒；
- 士 9:24 这是要叫耶路巴力七十个儿子所受的残害得着报复，又叫那流他们血的罪归与他们的弟兄亚比米勒，就是那杀害他们的，并归与帮助他杀弟兄的示剑居民。
- 士 9:25 示剑的居民在山顶上设埋伏，等候亚比米勒；凡路过他们

C. Jotham boldly declared a parable of Abimelech's reign as the reign of the bramble versus those who are like olive trees, fig trees, and vine trees, who reject ambition and become a channel of supply to God's people (vv. 8-13); God repaid the evil of Abimelech (vv. 14-55), which he had done to his father by slaying his seventy brothers; and God brought all the evil of the men of Shechem back upon their own heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal (Gideon—6:32) came upon them (9:56-57).

- Judg. 9:8 The trees once went forth to anoint a king over themselves. And they said to the olive tree, Reign over us.
- Judg. 9:9 But the olive tree said to them, Shall I leave my fatness, because of which God and men are honored by me, and go to wave over the trees?
- Judg. 9:10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, You come and reign over us.
- Judg. 9:11 But the fig tree said to them, Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to wave over the trees?
- Judg. 9:12 Then the trees said to the vine, You come and reign over us.
- Judg. 9:13 But the vine said to them, Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?
- Judg. 9:14 So all the trees said to the bramble, You come and reign over us.
- Judg. 9:15 And the bramble said to the trees, If you are truly anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge under my shade; but if not, may fire come forth from the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon!
- Judg. 9:16 Now therefore if you have dealt truly and with integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt in a good way toward Jerubbaal and toward his house, and if you have dealt with him as his hands have deserved—
- Judg. 9:17 (For my father fought for you and risked his life, and he delivered you from the hand of Midian.
- Judg. 9:18 But you have risen up today against the house of my father and have slain his sons, seventy men, on one stone; and you have made Abimelech the son of his female servant king over the lords of Shechem, for he is your brother.)
- Judg. 9:19 Now if you have dealt truly and with integrity toward Jerubbaal and toward his house today, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.
- Judg. 9:20 But if not, may fire come forth from Abimelech and devour the lords of Shechem and the house of Millo, and may fire come forth from the lords of Shechem and the house of Millo and devour Abimelech!
- Judg. 9:21 And Jotham ran off and fled, and he came to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.
- Judg. 9:22 And Abimelech was prince over Israel three years.
- Judg. 9:23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the lords of Shechem, and the lords of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,
- Judg. 9:24 So that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged and so that their blood might be put upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them, and upon the lords of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to slay his brothers.
- Judg. 9:25 And the lords of Shechem set men in ambush for him on the tops of the mountains, and they

那里的人，他们就抢夺。有人将这事告诉亚比米勒。
士 9:26 以别的儿子迦勒和他的弟兄来到示剑，示剑的居民都依靠他。
士 9:27 示剑的居民出城到田间去，摘取葡萄园的葡萄，踹酒，摆设感谢宴，进他们神的庙中吃喝，咒诅亚比米勒。
士 9:28 以别的儿子迦勒说，亚比米勒是谁？我们示剑人是谁，竟要服事他？他不是耶路巴力的儿子么？他的官员不是西布勒么？你们要服事示剑的父亲哈抹的后人；我们为何要服事亚比米勒呢？
士 9:29 唯愿这民交在我的手下，我就除掉亚比米勒。迦勒又对亚比米勒说，增添你的军兵出来罢！
士 9:30 那城的官长西布勒听见以别的儿子迦勒的话，就发怒，
士 9:31 打发使者去多珥玛见亚比米勒，说，以别的儿子迦勒和他的弟兄到了示剑，煽惑城中的民攻击你。
士 9:32 现在你和跟随你的人今夜起来，在田间埋伏；
士 9:33 到早晨太阳一出，你就早早起来闯城。迦勒和跟随他的人出来攻击你的时候，你便向他们见机而作。
士 9:34 于是，亚比米勒和跟随他的众人夜间起来，分作四队，向着示剑设下埋伏。
士 9:35 以别的儿子迦勒出去，站在城门口。亚比米勒和跟随他的人从埋伏之处起来。
士 9:36 迦勒看见那些人，就对西布勒说，看哪，有人从山顶上下来了。西布勒说，你看见山的影子，以为是人。
士 9:37 迦勒又说，看哪，有人从地的高处下来，又有一队从米恶尼尼橡树的路上而来。
士 9:38 西布勒对他说，你曾说，亚比米勒是谁，我们竟要服事他？你所夸的口在哪里呢？这不是你所藐视的民么？你现在出去，与他们交战罢。
士 9:39 于是迦勒率领示剑的居民出去，与亚比米勒交战。
士 9:40 亚比米勒追赶迦勒，迦勒在他面前逃跑；有许多受伤仆倒的，直到城门口。
士 9:41 亚比米勒住在亚鲁玛。西布勒赶出迦勒和他的弟兄们，不准他们住在示剑。
士 9:42 次日，民出到田间，有人告诉亚比米勒；
士 9:43 他就把他的人分作三队，埋伏在田间，看见有人从城里出来，就起来击杀他们。
士 9:44 亚比米勒和跟随他的队伍向前闯去，站在城门口；有两队直闯到田间的众人那里，把他们击杀了。
士 9:45 亚比米勒整天攻打城，将城夺取，杀了其中的人，将城拆毁，撒上了盐。
士 9:46 示剑楼所有的居民都听见了，就躲入巴力比利土庙的卫所。
士 9:47 有人告诉亚比米勒说，示剑楼的居民都聚在一处。

robbed everyone who passed by them on the way; and Abimelech was told.
Judg. 9:26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers and went over to Shechem, and the lords of Shechem put their trust in him.
Judg. 9:27 And they went out into the field and gathered the grapes of their vineyards and trod them, and had a festival. And they went to the house of their god and ate and drank, and they cursed Abimelech.
Judg. 9:28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech and who are we of Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem; but why should we serve this man?
Judg. 9:29 But, oh, that this people were put in my hand; then I would remove Abimelech. And he said of Abimelech, Increase your army and come out!
Judg. 9:30 When Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned.
Judg. 9:31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech in Tormah, saying, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have now come to Shechem, and now they are stirring up the city against you.
Judg. 9:32 And now rise up at night, you and the people with you, and wait in ambush in the field;
Judg. 9:33 And in the morning, as soon as the sun rises, you shall rise up early and rush on the city. And right when he and the people with him come out against you, you shall do with him as you find occasion.
Judg. 9:34 And Abimelech and all the people with him rose up at night and waited in ambush against Shechem in four companies.
Judg. 9:35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And Abimelech and the people with him rose up from the ambush.
Judg. 9:36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Look, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains. But Zebul said to him, You are seeing the shadow of the mountains as though they were men.
Judg. 9:37 And Gaal spoke again and said, Look, people are coming down from the height of the land, and one company is coming by the way of the terebinth of Meonenim.
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Judg. 9:46 And when all the lords of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they went to the stronghold of the house of El-berith.
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士 9:48 亚比米勒和跟随他的人就都上撒们山。亚比米勒手拿斧子，砍下一根树枝，扛在肩上，对跟随他的人说，你们看我所行的，也当赶紧照样行。

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士 9:52 亚比米勒到了楼前，攻打那楼，挨近楼门口，要用火焚烧那楼。

士 9:53 有一个妇人把一块上磨石抛在亚比米勒的头上，打破了他的脑骨。

士 9:54 他就急忙喊叫拿他兵器的少年人，对他说，拔出你的刀来，杀了我罢；免得人议论我说，是个妇人杀了他。于是少年人把他刺透，他就死了。

士 9:55 以色列人见亚比米勒死了，便各回自己的地方去了。

士 6:32 所以当日人称基甸为耶路巴力，意思说，他拆毁巴力的坛，让巴力与他争辩。

士 9:56 这样，神报应亚比米勒向他父亲所行的恶，就是杀了自己弟兄七十个人。

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四 在基甸的成功里，他将自己联于神，但在他的失败里，他将自己联于撒但；离弃神而与撒但联结，就是进入这恶者里面内在的野心里——赛十四 13~14。

赛 14:13 你心里曾说，我要升到天上；我要高举我的宝座在神众星以上。我要坐在聚会的身上，在北方的极处。

赛 14:14 我要升到高云之上；我要使自己与至高者一样。

五 我们没有权利与主离婚，没有理由离弃祂；我们必须接受祂，爱祂，尊重祂，尊敬祂，看重祂，高举祂，紧联于祂，并弃绝撒但到极点；这样我们就必蒙福；以耶和華為主、为头、为王、为丈夫的每一国家、每一社会、每一团体和每一个人，是有福的——诗三三 12。

诗 33:12 以耶和華為神的，那国是有福的；祂所拣选为自己产业的，那民是有福的。

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Judg. 6:32 Therefore on that day he named Gideon Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal contend against him, for he has broken down his altar.

Judg. 9:56 And God repaid the evil of Abimelech, which he had done to his father by slaying his seventy brothers.

Judg. 9:57 And God brought all the evil of the men of Shechem back upon their own heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came upon them.

D. In Gideon's success he joined himself to God, but in his failure he joined himself to Satan; to forsake God and join with Satan is to enter into the intrinsic ambition within this evil one—Isa. 14:13-14.

Isa. 14:13 But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the uttermost parts of the north.

Isa. 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most High.

E. We have no right to divorce the Lord and no reason to forsake Him; we must take Him, love Him, honor Him, respect Him, regard Him, exalt Him, and cling to Him, rejecting Satan to the uttermost; then we will be blessed; blessed is everyone—nation, society, group, and individual—whose Lord, Head, King, and Husband is Jehovah—Psa. 33:12.

Psa. 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, / The people whom He has chosen as His own possession.