

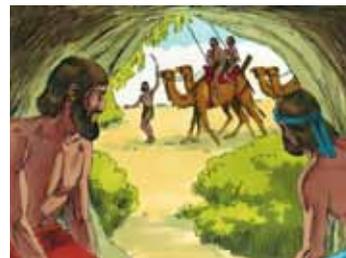
Gideon Serves the Lord



Refer to Joshua 23.

This was Joshua's dying speech to the Children of Israel. By God's goodness they had conquered most of the Promised Land.

1) What did Joshua tell the people to do? (v 6)
.....
and in v 7-8



If the people obeyed the Lord would be with them and drive out the enemy. If they did not obey, He would no longer do this. The enemy would be a danger to them. Did they listen?

Look at Judges 6 v 1-6.

2) Were the people still obeying the Lord? (v 1)

3) What enemy had control over them? (v 1)

4) What did the Midianites do? (v 5)

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5) What did the Israelites do in their trouble? (v 6)

This was a pattern that had been going on for many years: the people began to worship idols - God sent an enemy to oppress them - the people cried out to God for help. Would He listen?



Read Judges 6 v 11-16. 6) Who did God call to deliver his people from the Midianite enemy? (v 11,14)

7) Did he feel able to do this? (v 15)

8) Who would help him? (v 16)

Read verse 25-27. 9) What did God tell Gideon to do? (v 25-26)

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10) He was a bit scared, so when did he do it? (v 27)



Gideon trusted in God. Even though he felt very weak, he knew God was strong and would help him. Do you trust in God? He is very merciful to those who come in faith and repentance to Him asking for forgiveness through Jesus.

Being scared but trusting

Gideon was scared, but he still trusted God and obeyed Him. God is so kind that He has promised to be with people who trust in Him, even when they are scared. It is always right to obey God.

Things we learn from this lesson (unjumble the words in capitals):

- Obeying God brings SINGLESB
- If we don't obey God, or put other things first in our lives, it leads to serious OURBELT
- God is merciful and DINK if we confess our sin to Him. He hears us if we cry out to Him
- We should STRUT in the Lord at all times, especially when we are afraid.

Two verses to learn:

Psalm 84:12 O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Psalm 56:3 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You