

God our Peace

Judges 6:11-24

Intro:

- Our World has no lack of distress, fear and terror
- All of this is focused to steal our focus on God
- This happens especially when we give up!
 - Israel had a history we should learn from
 - Judges cycles of Rebellion and Punishment...
 - Midian... Judges 6:7-10 prophetic call
 - God needs our cooperation to help us!
 - And when we obey... His Blessing awaits...

I. Victory in Hiding

- It starts with God (14,23,24) Angel of the Lord!
 - God comes down to find us in our place of fear
 - Gideon was trying to “save” wheat – in a wine press
 - Valiant Warrior? Gideon was not showing signs!!!
 - Why has this happened? Where is God? (13)
 - No answers... they had already been given!
- This is your strength, I have sent you!
 - Deliver God’s people... we have FAMILY!
 - Command and commission should be enough
 - Least, youngest, who am I? (Ex 3!) I am with you!!!

II. Victory in Heart

- Tell me this is not a dream! 7 years of nightmare!
 - Gideon needs to KNOW it is God – favor
 - Gideon knows this much... offer what he has!
 - Even in the famine of defeat, he brought his offering
 - 20 – lay them on THIS ROCK – pour it all out
 - Do we need help here?
- He touched it – flesh and bread
 - Fire from the rock! All accepted and consumed (1Ki 18)
 - The Angel vanishes, but not the sign...

III. Victory in His Face

- Gideon comes to His senses!
 - I have seen God! Feared for His life.. Jacob, Moses
 - Fear of death from just the moment of meeting
 - God calls out... PEACE – *SHALOM*, 200+x
 - completeness, soundness, welfare, peace
- Gideon marks it well
 - *Jehovah-shalom* – God our peace
 - The battle was yet to be fought, inwardly & outwardly
 - But He had the promise of God in him...

Connections:

- There are over 400 references to peace ...

Isa 26:3 "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.

Ps 4:8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, O
LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

Ps 29:11 The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will
bless His people with peace.

Isa 53:5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was
crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell
upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

Jn 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the
world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.