

# 35 Gideon Becomes a Great Warrior

## Chapter Judges 6-7

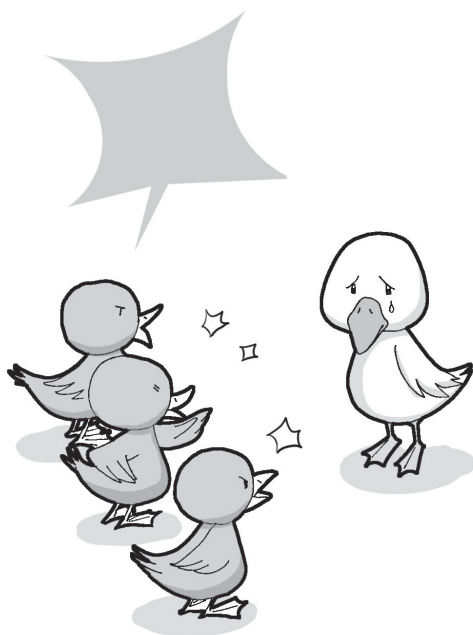
### Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that we must look at ourselves through God's perspective.

2. To understand the secret to winning our spiritual warfare.

Open Your Heart



How does the world view me?

Who am I? Let's define who I am.

"I am a \_\_\_\_\_"



## Understanding Today's Lesson

Israel, who for 40 years enjoyed peace through the salvation of God, began to commit sins before God once again. Due to their sin, Israel suffered greatly under the hand of the Midianites for 7 years, and they began to cry out to God. God chose Gideon as a judge to save Israel. Gideon's name means "Great" or "He has strength". However, contrary to his name, Gideon lived a weak and cowardly life. While Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress, the Angel of the LORD appeared and said, "God is with you, mighty man of valor!" Gideon could not believe these words. Gideon thought that if God was with the Israelites, they would not be in the midst of these sufferings. Furthermore, Gideon did not believe that he was a mighty man of valor. Gideon continually wanted to see evidence that God was with him, and he kept making excuses for his weaknesses. By showing Gideon miracles, God confirmed that it was indeed God who was talking to Gideon. In the end, Gideon accepted his calling and first removed the idols that the people worshipped. Then, Gideon gathered the Israelites to fight against all the Midianites, Amalekites, and the people of the East.

God appointed 300 valiant men to go to war after excluding those who were fearful and afraid and those who were not aware of their surroundings while drinking water out of the brook. The 300 valiant men, whose hearts were completely united with Gideon's, arrived at the enemy camp at night with trumpets, torches, and pitchers. When all of the valiant men blew their trumpets, broke their pitchers, lit their torches, and cried out, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp, and caused the army to flee. Through this event, God provided great victory for Israel. God took Gideon who was weak, and shaped and refined him into a mighty man of valor.

Notes:



## Memorizing Bible Verses

And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"  
(Judges 6:12)



Meditate

## On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Judges 6:14–16)

(Luke 5:8–10)

(Ephesians 2:10)



Changing

## Directions

Let us learn the secret to becoming victorious in our spiritual battles through the process that led to Gideon's victory.

1. In Judges 6:17–23, Gideon wanted to confirm that it was God who had called him to be the mighty man of valor who would save Israel from the suffering caused by the Midianites, and God provided Gideon the evidence he needed. Why do you think Gideon asked for this evidence?

2. In Judges 6:25–27, God told Gideon that he must first remove the idols and build an altar to offer burnt offerings before going to war with Midian. What truth can we learn through this?

3. In Judges 7, God chooses only 300 of the 32,000 Israelite soldiers to fight against the enemy army of 135,000 soldiers. Why did God only choose 300 Israelite soldiers?

4. In Judges 7:16–23, the enemy fled when the 300 soldiers of Gideon blew their trumpets, broke their pitchers, and lit their torches. What do you think the trumpets, pitchers, and torches represent? Write down what comes to your mind.

5. Only when we break our bodies which are like earthen vessels and live a life of light can the Lord work when we cry out to Him. The Lord does not want us to sound our trumpets in the dark. Think to yourself if you have any idols in your life, if you do not like having to labor to break your flesh, or if you are dwelling in darkness.



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

Let us pray so that we can strive to become one, with faith that the Lord will triumph when we are one with the Lord and likewise with each other. Also, let us ask that we will be able to see ourselves as God sees us.

# Our Story



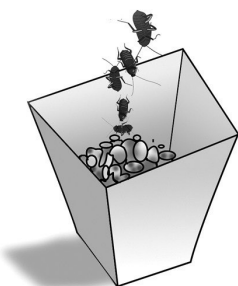
## A Sinner Before God



A dirty cockroach has found its way inside your house. Are you going to leave it alone?



You will catch it and sweep it onto the dustbin...



And dispose of it in the trash can.

Is there anyone who feels pity for a dead cockroach? It may be considered unpleasant to compare people to cockroaches, but from God's perspective, when He looks upon sinners, it is a very natural metaphor in the Bible.

People ask, "How does God send people to Hell? Doesn't it hurt Him?" However, in the view of a holy God, the place most suitable for sinners is the eternal lake of fire.

**His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:12)**

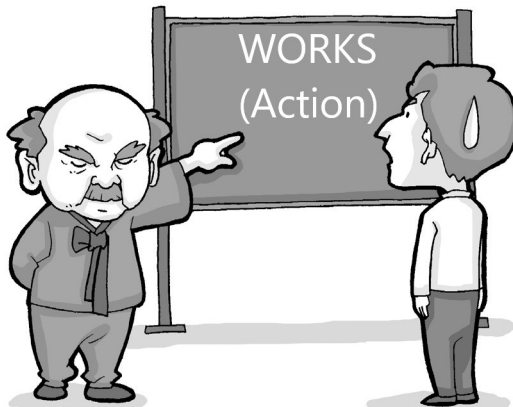
## The Practical Christian

There was a wealthy old man who once lived in a village. A young man came to the rich man and desperately asked the old man this question:

"Please teach me how I can become rich like you!"

The rich man answered and taught the young man that to become rich, he had to save money. The young man replied that this was something he already knew, and he asked for another secret or method. The rich man told him this: everyone knows how to get rich, but they remain poor because they do not practice it.

The same is true for us who are in the Lord. In order for us to live strongly and boldly in faith, though we are weak, we must rely upon the Lord and overcome our difficulties through faith, which is something that we as Christians all know. However, we must not just know this as a fact, but we must truly believe and act upon it with courage.





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