

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

The Call of Gideon

## **Judges 6: 11 – 24.**

The word of God is filled with people that would, not likely seem to be servants of God. God chooses to use those who will follow after him by faith, to bring glory to him, and not to themselves.

As we look at the church today, God wants us to see, truthful, common, ordinary people, that is interested in doing his will, without taking credit for the things that he does.

God wants to help us overcome our weakness, and give us the ability and strength to believe that we can do all things through him. This will restore our fellowship with him, so that he may give us peace of mind in the things that he has in store for us to do.

**Judges 6: 11 – 24**,....the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, the Lord is with thee....

Many times, in our lives we find ourselves in the same situation as Gideon. Hiding from our enemies. Not that we do not feel God will not protect us, but, that we think it would just be better to avoid, rather than to confront these situations head on. We are, in fact, still working for the Lord, we just are not overcoming the situations in our lives that are keeping us from advancing to the ( mighty man of valor ) that God would have us to be.

**Psalms 121: 1 – 8**,....I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help, my help comes from the Lord....

Fear and unbelief keeps us in our place of hiding. We are obedient to God, but, afraid of the world. God, who is full of mercy and grace, by the indwelling Holy Spirit, that interacts with us, gives us his love and forgiveness to strengthen our relationship with him.

God is patient with us. He gives us comfort and lifts us up, so that we know we do not have to depend upon our own level of faith, or to act on our own behalf. We can depend upon God himself and the strength that he gives to us to strengthen our own weak faith.

So, how are we able to understand that the place that we are in, is not where God would have us to be. That he wants us to boldly move forward in our salvation, through his strength, to the place that, he, would have us to be. At the same time, conquering not only our inner fears, but the fearful situations in the world around us.

**Judges 6: 17**,....and he said unto him, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me.

One of the questions that we ask ourselves many, many times as we go through our Christian life is, how do I know if God is talking to me, or, was that God speaking with me, and if so, how do I know for sure what he is saying to me, and did I understand it in the manner that he was speaking and wanted me to receive.

Ask for a sign !!

**Isaiah 7: 10 – 14**,....moreover the Lord spoke to Ahaz saying, ask for a sign for yourself from the Lord your God, ask it either in the depth or in the height above....

We as Christians, come to understand, as we mature in Christ, that our unbelief and fear has no effect on, nor will change the promises of God. The greatest sign that God only can give to us, we as believers already have within ourselves, and that is the gift of salvation. In our life, the enemy, through trials and tribulations will cause fear and unbelief to take place. This fear and unbelief suppresses us into a place of hiding that we think is a place of security. It is actually a place of darkness and gloom that continues to take us further into our fears and unbelief. The sign that we ask for and that God is graciously waiting to give to us is simply this, to revive with in us and to show unto once again the glory of our salvation. This has been within us the whole time, waiting to spring forth. If we allow it, the enemy will suppress it, but it cannot be destroyed. The blessing of salvation that God has instilled within each of us, who has had the faith to believe, can never be destroyed by the enemy and upon request from us to God, he will once again revive it within us and restore unto us, through signs and wonders, the glorious gifts of the Holy Spirit that indwells within us.

**Judges 6: 21**,....then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand....and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh....

Our eternal life, a free gift of the grace of God, gives us the opportunity to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven. In order to do this, we must keep our heart focused on the Lord Jesus Christ and his righteousness. The treasures that we lay up, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, are only treasures to lay up once they are tried by fire.

**Revelation 3: 18**,....Christ himself tells the church....to buy of me gold tried in the fire....this means, our treasure is rooted and grounded in Christ, we are anchored to the rock of our salvation.

**Matthew 3: 11**,....I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance....he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire....

The baptism with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through salvation is a great blessing for believers, where as the fire will keep us purified and continue to purify us through our Christian life. God cannot and will not tolerate anyone or anything taking his place in our heart. As we go through the fire, our faith strengthens, we desire to walk daily in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and long for him to refine and purify us in the fire.

God counts us among his righteous people, not because of what we have done, but because of how he see's us and the greatness of his son within us.

**2 Timothy 1: 6 – 7,....**I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you....for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind....

Christ calling on our life begins with salvation. Salvation in our lives and then in the lives of those around us. God also calls upon us as he did with Gideon to deliver his people. Deliverance in the church is essential. Deliverance from the deception that grasp the minds of the immature believers and hinders their spiritual growth. This allows for fear and confusion, which takes away the desire of what God has called us to do.

Remember, if God calls us, he will equip us.

1 Corinthians 1: 26 – 31,....for you see your calling....he who glories, let him glory in the Lord....

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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