

Parables and Stories

Gideon and God's Deliverance of Israel

Judges 6-8

1. Summarize the Story?
2. Is this a True Story or a Made-Up Story?
3. Specific Questions About the Story:
 - A. What was the spiritual status of Israel in Gideon's time (Judg. 6:1)? What was the social and economic status of Israel in Gideon's time (Judges. 6:3-6)? Why were these two connected (Deut. 28:1-2, 15)?
 - B. What was the pattern of the book of judges (Judges 6:1, 6)? What principles can we learn or be reminded of from these patterns?
 - C. How many times did Gideon ask for a sign from God to show him that he would be used to deliver Israel from Midian?
 - D. Why does God respond to some expressions of uncertainty differently than others (Luke 1:18-20; 34-37)? Does this help us better understand Gideon's requests?
 - E. What was Gideon's other name, and why was he given it (Judges 6:25-32)?
 - F. How many men did God use to destroy the army of Midian (Judges 7:1-7)?
 - G. The people of Israel wanted their own king before the time of Saul (Judges 8:22-23). What were the lasting results of Gideon's spiritual leadership (Judges 8:27, 33)? What were the lasting results of Gideon's civic leadership (Judges 8:24-9:5)?