

God and Gideon

Judges 6:11-21

Gideon in the Wine Press

I. Gideon's First Mistake

He blamed God for Israel's trouble

A. If – why – where (Judges 6:13)

Despite God having sent a prophet (Judges 6:8-10)

1. Don't blame God for your mistakes
2. Take responsibility for your actions
3. Realize actions have consequences

B. Should have asked "why have you come?"

II. Gideon's Second Mistake

He thought God's judgement was a sign God had abandoned Israel

A. But God is here

B. God never left Israel

C. Israel had left God

D. God has been chastising Israel

1. Chastisement serves a purpose

a. To educate

b. To correct

c. To discipline

2. God chastises His own out of love (Hebrews 12:7)

3. Brings peace (Hebrews 12:11; John 5:17-18)

III. Gideon's Third Mistake

He focused on his own weakness rather than God's power

A. "I am nobody" (Judges 6:15)

1. Humility vs defeatism

2. "I can't do this"

By the way that is the point

(II Corinthians 4:7; II Corinthians 12:9)

B. God uses unlikely people to do amazing things

C. God wants our availability and obedience

D. He supplies everything else needed to accomplish His purpose