

**THE RELUCTANCE OF GIDEON AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GOD**  
(JUDGES 6)

\*The Setting of Judges ... is ... The \_\_\_\_\_ of the book of Judges

**I. The Oppression of the Midianites (6:1-6)**

- Who were the Midianites?

**II. Gideon Confronted by God's Prophet (6:7-10)**

1. The unnamed prophet reminded Gideon of **God's past** \_\_\_\_\_ via his covenant, along with His past repeated \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of them. (6:8-ff)
2. Speaking on behalf of God, the prophet stated...(vs 10) - "*I am your \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ the gods of the Amorites – but you have \_\_\_\_\_ my voice*"

**III. The Call of Gideon by The Angel of the Lord (6:11-40)**

- Who is "The Angel of the Lord"?
  - He is none other than \_\_\_\_\_ in His pre-incarnate state \_\_\_\_\_ Gideon to lead & judge Israel!
  - We are reminded of Gods' word to Samuel... (1 Samuel 16)
  - The NT may give us some insight here ... (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

**A. Gideon's Confrontation by the Angel (6:11-15)**

1. The Angel of the Lord comes to Gideon to \_\_\_\_\_, to encourage, & to \_\_\_\_\_ him as a \_\_\_\_\_ for His people.
2. Note the \_\_\_\_\_ given by the Angel of the Lord- vs 12 - "the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ – you \_\_\_\_\_ of valor"

**B. Gideon's Confirmation by the Angel (6:16-24)**

1. The Lord has reminded Gideon \_\_\_\_\_ that He would be \_\_\_\_\_ for this commission (6:12,14,16)

2. God not only called Gideon, but He confirmed His call with a \_\_\_\_\_ to him!
3. This was a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ to Gideon that \_\_\_\_\_ had personally called Him as \_\_\_\_\_ for this job!
4. With the call of Gideon, we can see that God is in the process of \_\_\_\_\_ His people so He can \_\_\_\_\_ them for His \_\_\_\_\_ in life. (2 Cor. 3:18)

**C. Gideon's Test of Faith (6:25-32)**

1. With the sanctification process comes the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith & results in acts of \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Tests are designed for *our realization* of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, or the \_\_\_\_\_ there of!
3. Trials or tests are designed to:
4. Sin at \_\_\_\_\_ must be addressed & \_\_\_\_\_, before the Midianites would be addressed and \_\_\_\_\_!
5. Although gripped with \_\_\_\_\_, He still acted in \_\_\_\_\_ trusting the Lord for the outcome!
6. Gideon stood up to Baal, his family, and made known his spiritual \_\_\_\_\_; he survived to go on to \_\_\_\_\_ things for Christ.

**D. Divine Enablement Provided (6:33-35)**

**E. Gideon and the Fleece Test (Judges 6:36-40)**

1. From this fleece test, it seems evident that Gideon was a student in God's \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Yet through it all, Gideon was a man of \_\_\_\_\_ as he is mentioned in the Hall of Fame of Faith (Heb. 11:32)