

Joshua 6:11-26
"Jehovah Shalom - the
God of Peace"

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1. Introduction

a. Names of God

- describe character of God
- describes who God is

b. Judges 6:23-24

- Gideon frightened at appearance of Angel of the Lord
- * "Peace be with you - don't fear"
- * Gideon called after YHWH Shalom (The Lord is Peace)

c. Cycles in book of Judges ↻ ↺

- sin ↗ suffering ↗ repent & pray ↗
salvation ↗ peace ↗ (repeat cycle)
- no central governing authority
 - tribal social structure
 - tent of Tabernacle in Shiloh

2. Israel suffered under Midian raiders (6:1)

a. Marauding bands of Midian

- bands for 7 years
- Midianites, Amalekites, & people of the east
- no food crops or farm animals left

b. - Israelites lived in caves & dens & mountain strongholds

- raiders used camels & lived in tents (nomadic people)
- * their roving grazing herd animals feasted on Israelite food crops

3. Israel cried out (prayed) to the Lord (Judges 6:6)

- ### a. Israel quickly became poverty stricken

- 3b. God sent Israel unnamed prophet
- First, Israelite nation prayed
 - Then God sent his messenger (a prophet)
 - God tells of His past mercies
 - * nation delivered out of house of bondage (Egypt)
 - * God gave Israel this land
 - God reminds them "I AM the Lord your God"
 - * Israel has not obeyed God's voice
 - * Israel has sinned against God

4. God responds with truth, love, mercy, & peace

a. Judges 6:10

- Don't be afraid of Amorite false gods

b. God chooses leader of deliverance

- Gideon threshing wheat in the depression with winepress
 - * hiding from the Midianites
- God calls Gideon "mighty man of valor"
 - * Me???

- + Why has all this happened?
- + Where is all of God's miracles?
- + Gideon's clan weakest of Manasseh
- + Gideon himself least person of his father's house

* God's reply

- + "Have I not sent you?"
- + "You shall save Israel"
- + "I will be with you"

c. Gideon finally understood that he saw Angel of the Lord face to face

5. Conclusion

- a. God can choose any man for His work
- b. Paul a former enemy
 - 2 Cor 12:9 My grace is sufficient for you. My strength perfect in weakness