

## He Wears The Victor's Crown Part-2

A few weeks ago I began "He Wears the Victor's Crown." Let's continue in that vein today. Turn with me to **Judges 6**, where I shared from in my first message on "The Lord's Threshing Floor" last month. The Lord is looking for a man who will lead Israel into battle against the Midianites and win the victory. He has chosen Gideon – He has also chosen you and me. Let's pick up the story with **6:14-17 NKJV**. Doubt-filled Gideon is exhorted by the Angel of the Lord, who "*turned to him*", meaning that the Lord Himself was now speaking to Gideon, commissioning him to deliver the people of Israel. But Gideon needs a sign of confirmation. Gideon makes sacrifice to the Lord, and the Angel of the LORD accepts his offering, giving Gideon the sign he so desperately needed in order to act.

**V. 22** God is gracious to remove the layers of fear, doubt & unbelief that bind us back from conforming to the image of Christ & obeying God's will.

**V. 23** *Yahweh Shalom* means "***The-Lord-Is-Peace.***" **SFLB note:** "Gideon's new sense of security in his relationship with the Lord is effectively expressed by the term *shalom*, meaning wholeness, security, well-being, prosperity, peace, and friendship."

### Gideon Steps Out In Faith

**Vv. 25-27** God assigned His appointed deliverer, Gideon, the task of tearing down the cause of Israel's idolatry – **the altar of Baal**, including the cultish **wooden image** (Heb. *Asherah* – a Canaanite goddess). Fear is subsiding, but is still a part of Gideon's makeup; however, he acted. **Courage is not the absence of fear, but the overcoming of it.**

### Gideon's "Secret Weapon" & Ours

**V. 33** Our worst nightmare is God's opportunity for glory! For v. 33 gives way to **v. 34**. Take note of Gideon's "secret weapon" - "*But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.*" **Holy Spirit is our "secret weapon" too!**

**Psa. 37:40 TPT** *“Because of their faith in Him, their daily portion will be a Father’s help and deliverance from evil. This is true of all who turn to hide themselves in Him!”* **Gideon hid himself in God, then came out of hiding!!**

The Holy Spirit was Jesus’ mainstay & must be ours as well. After Satan tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness, this is what **Luke 4:14 TPT** says: *“Then Jesus, **armed with the Holy Spirit’s power**, returned to Galilee, and His fame spread throughout the region. 15. He taught in the synagogues and they glorified Him (Aramaic: “and He offered everyone glory!”).”* We will bring glory to God as we are fill with Holy Spirit power & life!

### **We Need Jesus to Reveal Himself to Us**

Jesus had to reveal Himself to His disciples, and to us, just as He did to Gideon. **Luke 24:25—27 TPT** *“Jesus said to them, “Why are you so thick-headed? Why do you find it so hard to believe every word the prophets have spoken? 26. Wasn’t it necessary for Christ, the Messiah, to experience all these sufferings and then afterward to enter into His glory?”* **Are you questioning why you are suffering? Trust God!** 27. *“Then He carefully unveiled to them the revelation of Himself throughout the Scripture. He started from the beginning and explained the writings of Moses and all the prophets, showing how they wrote of Him and revealed the truth about Himself.”* **We need the truth re: Jesus.**

**Another day: Luke 24:45-49 TPT** *“He supernaturally unlocked their understanding to receive the revelation of the Scriptures, 46. Then said to them, “Everything that has happened fulfills what was prophesied of Me. Christ, the Messiah, was destined to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. 47. Now you must go into all the nations and preach repentance (Aramaic: “grace” or “conversion”) and forgiveness of sins so that they will turn to Me. Start right here in Jerusalem. 48. For you are My witnesses and have seen for yourselves all that has transpired. 49. And I will*

send the fulfillment of the Father's **promise** to you (TPT: Aramaic reads "the kingdom" or "rule"). The Father's promise would be the coming of the Holy Spirit to live in them and empower them.). So stay here in the city until the mighty power of heaven falls upon you and wraps around you." **However, impatience can have its way with us:**

### The Disciples Disobey & Catch Nothing

**John 21:1-7 TPT** *"Later, Jesus appeared once again to a group of His disciples by Lake Galilee. 2. It happened one day while Peter, Thomas (the twin), Nathanael (from Cana in Galilee), Jacob, John, and two other disciples were all together. 3. Peter told them, "I'm going fishing." And they all replied, "We'll go with you." So they went out and fished through the night and caught nothing."* The disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem until the day they were clothed with power. These seven disciples weren't following what the Lord had told them, so they caught nothing until Jesus joined them.

*"4. Then at dawn, Jesus was standing there on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize that it was Him! 5. He called out to them, saying, "Hey guys! Did you catch any fish?" "Not a thing," they replied. 6. Jesus shouted to them, "Throw your net over the starboard side, and you'll catch some!" **And so they did as He said**, and they caught so many fish they couldn't even pull in the net!" 7. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!"* Miracles help people recognize the Lord. Our obedience to His voice causes miracles to happen.

**TPT note:** "It was John, the one whom Jesus loved, that recognized the voice of Jesus. Perhaps it was Peter's discouragement that prevented him from recognizing the voice of the Master. Peter's name is Simon (Heb. *Simeon*), which means "he who hears." Our hearing His voice is hindered when we are confused and filled with doubts." Are you having trouble hearing the voice of the Lord today? **Let's respond with Spirit-filled faith today, dismissing fear, doubts and confusion!**

**Ask the Lord to help you hear what He's saying s have the courage to do it, like Gideon after He met with Yahweh Shalom, "The-Lord-Is-Peace."**