



THE HIGH COST OF LOW LIVING Judges 6:1-10

INTRODUCTION

Gideon - = means *"he who cuts down"*

I. THE SIN THEY EMBRACED - v. 1a

"The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord"

Hebrews 12:1 - *"let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely"*

"clings so closely" = "to skillfully surround"

Our enemy, Satan, is a shrewd enemy. He knows our weaknesses. He knows who to entice us and draw us away into evil.

2 Tim. 2:25-26; James 1:12-16

Steps To Succeed In Your Fight With Sin

→ Do not play near the trap.

Gen. 39:12; 2 Tim. 2:22; Eph. 4:27; 1 Pet. 5:8

→ Look for the avenue of escape.

1 Cor. 10:13

→ Learn to consider yourself dead to sin and its influences.

Rom. 6:11; Col. 3:3-5.

→ Determine in your heart to serve God and Him only.

Rom. 6:13; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 6:7, 14

II. THE SUFFERING THEY ENDURED - v. 1b-6

God will expose sin for what it is - Num. 32:23; Luke 12:1-3

A. They Suffered Invasion – v. 1b-2a

Israel was oppressed by the Midianites. “*Midian*” means “*strife*”.

B. They Suffered Imprisonment – v. 2

Israel lost its will to fight. They ran away and hid in the mountains.

- Jesus has the power to set you free. - John 8:36
- You must deal with your sin to be free. - Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9
- You must repent of it. - Luke 13:5

C. They Suffered Impoverishment – v. 3-6

Israel “*was brought very low*” = “*impoverished, to make feeble*”

Crops (v. 3)

Livestock taken away (v. 4)

Gal. 6:7-8; Matt. 6:19-21

III. THE SECURITY THEY EVADED - v. 7-10

A. They Are Reminded Of God’s Deliverance – v. 8b-9a

B. They Are Reminded OF God’s Deeds – v. 9b

James 1:16-17

C. They Are Reminded Of God’s Demands – v. 10

His words here remind us that He is a “*jealous*” God -Ex.20:5; 34:14

If you belong to the Lord, you can expect to pay a high price when you live below His standards. - Rev. 3:19; Heb. 12:6-12