



THE CULTIVATION OF GIDEON

Judges 6:25-32

INTRODUCTION

I. THE COMMAND GOD DELIVERS - v. 25-26

A. It Was A Specific Command

B. It Was A Spiritual Command

God had two purposes in issuing this command to Gideon:

1. *God intended to demonstrate His superiority over Baal.*
2. *God wanted Gideon to know that God would be with him.*

C. It Was A Simple Command

- David – Before he faced Goliath, he first faced a lion and a bear.
1 Sam. 17:32-37
- Abraham – He was taught obedience by first leaving home.
Gen. 21:1-3; Gen. 22:5; Heb. 11:17-19
- Peter - He denied the Lord the first then preached gospel.
Acts 2; Luke 16:10

II. THE COMPLIANCE GIDEON DISPLAYS - v. 27

A. Gideon's Faith On Display

Isaiah 6:8

B. Gideon's Fear On Display

He will accomplish His purposes through us.

John 15:5; Phil. 4:13; Gal. 2:20

III. THE CONSEQUENCES GIDEON DEFEATS - v. 28-32

A. THE ENMITY OF THE LOCALS - v. 28-30

- David faced opposition - 1 Sam. 17:28, 33
- Jesus faced opposition - John 7:3-5
- Paul faced this kind of opposition - Acts 9:26

B. THE ENSLAVEMENT OF HIS LOVED ONES - v. 31-32

C. THE EXPERIENCE HE LACKED - v. 27-32

CONCLUSION

Is there some idol in your life that needs to be torn down before God can use you like He wants to? Is there some fear that holds you back? Are you willing and available to the Lord for His use?