

THE CHALLENGE OF GIDEON Judges 6:33-40

INTRODUCTION

I. GIDEON AND HIS FAITH - v. 33-34b

A. Gideon's Enemy - v. 33

"Valley of Jezreel" - This valley was the largest and most fertile valley in all of Israel.

B. Gideon's Engagement - v. 34b

C. Gideon's Energy - v. 34a

Where did get this kind of courage? *"the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon"*.

II. GIDEON AND HIS FOLLOWING - v. 34c-35

A. A Close Following - v. 34c

B. A Committed Following - v. 35

The attitude of Caleb and Joshua – Num. 14:6-9.
Don't fear the enemies we face in this world!
Rest in the power of Almighty God.
Luke 1:38; Job 42:2; Jer. 32:17, 27; Eph. 3:20

III. GIDEON AND HIS FLEECE - v. 36-40

A. Gideon's Doubts - v. 36

B. Gideon's Demand - v. 37, 39

C. Gideon's Disobedience - v. 38

D. Gideon's Direction - v. 40

God guides His people...

- ...through His Spirit – John 16:13
- ...through His Word – Ps 119:105
- ...through His peace – Col. 3:15
- ...through the desires He gives us – Ps 34:3-4
- ...through the godly counsel of His people – Pro. 11:14