

EXPERIENCING GOD

Listening To God

Judges 6

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To experience God you have to listen to God.

The question is “What will I do **when** He talks to me?”

What blocks our communication with God? Sin

What restores our communication with God? Confession

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 NAS

GOD CHOOSES GIDEON

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”
Judges 6:1-12 NIV

Repeatedly throughout the history of Israel God told them to only worship Him.

Time after time they forgot God and worshipped other gods.

GIDEON QUESTIONED GOD

“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

Judges 6:13 NIV

Because there is sin in the world and people think they do not need God nor do they need to worship God.

GOD SENDS GIDEON

The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.” Judges 6:14-16 NIV

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him.

1 Corinthians 1:27-28 NIV

Destruction of Baal Alter

Now God told him to tear down the altar of Baal that his father had built.

Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and because he was too afraid of his father’s household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night. Judges 6:27 NAS

Gideon obeyed but he was also afraid.

A SIGN FOR GIDEON

He asks God to wet a fleece of wool with dew and for the ground around it to remain dry.

THE BATTLE

So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads anymore. And the land was undisturbed for forty years in the days of Gideon. Judges 8:28 NAS

For forty years there was peace because Gideon listened to God and because the people respected what God and Gideon did.

Our memory verse:

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7

When we call out to God He will respond.

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