

# LIFE IN THE SIN CYCLE

*(A Study in the Book of Judges)*

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## THE CALL OF GIDEON (Judges 6:1-24)

### SIN & OPPRESSION RETURN (1-6)

- After forty years of rest, Israel returns to its evil ways (1).
- As a result, destruction and poverty return for seven years at the hands of the Midianites and their allies (1-6).

### REMEMBER ME (6-10)

- Israel cries out to the LORD for rescue (6).
- God reminds them of:
  - past deliverance from Egyptian bondage (7-9);
  - their disobedience to His command (10).

### THE WEAK MADE STRONG (11-16)

- God appoints Gideon as Israel's deliverer (12,14).
- Gideon entertains doubts (13,15)...
  - Why has God forsaken Israel?
  - Where are His miracles?
  - How can I save Israel? (weak tribe; weak son)

### IS GOD'S WORD SUFFICIENT? (17-24)

- Gideon insists on visual proof of God's Word (17).
- He prepares a sacrifice that the LORD accepts (18-21).
- Gideon fears the consequences of seeing God (22; Ex 33:20).
  - see Jn 1:18; 2 Cor 4:6; Rev 22:3-4; 1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:2
- God replaces Gideon's anxiety with peace (23).
- Gideon builds a memorial to God's peace (24).
  - see Rom 5:1; Eph 2:14; Php 4:6-7; Col 1:20

## APPLICATION

Some questions to ponder in view of what we've studied...

1. Has your sin brought trouble that you cannot escape? God has proven His ability to deliver people from the consequences of sin (as recorded in many places in the Bible). Do you believe He can save you from sin and its oppression?
2. What doubts and excuses do you associate with God leading you to victory through Jesus Christ? Are you willing to trust Him at His Word? What is God calling you to do?
3. It's normal for us, in our natural state, to have doubts and fears as Gideon did. Who has the power to overcome our shortcomings and anxieties? What must we do to experience victory and peace?

**FAITH IS THE VICTORY**  
*(1 John 5:4)*

**CHRIST IS OUR PEACE**  
*(Ephesians 2:14)*