

The Biblical Warrior Series – Gideon

Lesson 4

Foundation Truths: Hebrews 13: 8, Acts 10: 34 – 35, Hebrews 11: 32 – 34

Judges 8: 1 – 3

1. **C.f. Judges 6: 34 – 35** Why were the Ephraimites upset? What does this tell you about them? Do you think that may have bearing on why they were not originally used?

2. **Ecclesiastes 4:4, Prov. 27: 4, 1 Samuel 18: 8-9 c.f 1 Cor. 12: 26, Romans 12:15** What effect does other people's success have on you? What role does envy and pride play in this profession? How does that contrast with God's desires? _____

3. How did Gideon placate the Ephraimites? What can we learn from his example? _____

Judges 8: 4 – 10

4. What character quality did Gideon's men display in this passage? **Galatians 6:9, James 1: 12, 2 Thess. 3:13, Romans 5: 3 – 4** What do we gain from 'Keeping on keeping on?' _____

5. How bad were Gideon's forces outnumbered at this point? Why do you think he was emboldened to keep pursuing the Midianites? _____

6. How does trusting God in the past affect trusting him in the future? _____

Judges 8: 11 – 21

7. **V. 19 c.f. Matt. 5:7, Matt. 6: 14 – 15, Matt. 18: 33 - 35** Why is it important to extend mercy toward others? What might happen if we refuse to? _____

Judges 8: 22 – 23

8. Why didn't Gideon take the Israelites up on their offer? _____

Judges 8: 24 - 35

9. Did Gideon's actions back up his words (**v. 22 – 23**)? **Prov. 27:21** It's easy to talk humility but so much harder to live it out ... why? _____

10. **V. 27 c.f. 2 Kings 18: 3 – 4** How can religious objects be used to rob God of the glory he deserves? _____

11. Why did the Israelites forget God and turn to idols so quickly? **Genesis 18:19, Ps. 71:18, Malachi 4: 5-6** What does God instruct us to do to keep that from happening?

Notes
