

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. All sin is ultimately against whom? Why?
2. Was Barak cowardly or just in need of support?
3. How did Deborah command such respect?
4. Why did God choose Deborah, Barak and Jael (the wife of Heber) to deliver Israel?
5. Why were the Children of Israel under oppression?
6. What did the Children of Israel do for their oppression?
7. What can we be delivered from today?

SUMMARY:

The Children of Israel cried to the Lord for deliverance from Jabin, King of Canaan. Deborah, a prophetess, spoke the commandment of God to Barak to go and meet Jabin's army. Barak would not go without Deborah, but she went immediately in faith, trusting in the word of the Lord. Just as Deborah said, Sisera was delivered into the hands of a woman and was slain. God's Word is just and true yet today, but faith is required in His Word for, "the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished." (2 Peter 2:9) [\[SoF:6,10\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:6\]](#) We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. [\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

August 16, 2015

Third Quarter

ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE

LESSON TEXT: *Judges 4:1-24*

LESSON SETTING: The disobedient nation is again liberated by three unusual servants of God.

TIME: Approximately 1316 B.C.

- I. CAUSE OF BONDAGE.** Judges 4:1-2
 - A. Sin. Proverbs 5:22; John 8:34; Romans 6:16; 2 Peter 2:19
- II. PLEA FOR DELIVERANCE.** Judges 4:3-7
 - A. Realize the Need. Psalm 51:1-4; Acts 2:37-38
 - B. Sought After. Psalm 25:20; 50:15; 71:4
- III. PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE.** Judges 4:8-24
 - A. Promises Offered. 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:18
 - B. Condition to Meet.
 1. Obedience (vs. 10, 14) 1 Kings 3:14; James 1:25; Revelation 22:14
 2. Humility. 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 34:18; 51:17

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LORD KNOWETH HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATION, AND TO RESERVE THE UNJUST UNTO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TO BE PUNISHED.* 2 Peter 2:9

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Judges 6:11-40; 7:1-23

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 6:1-8; John 12:24-26;
Philippians 2:12-13

QUARTERLY THEME: Early Days in Canaan

TOPIC: GOD'S MAN GIDEON

INTRODUCTION:

God told Gideon to take torches and cover them with pitchers to use in conquering the Midianites. Gideon commanded his people to do as God had said and to prepare for the conquest. What a strange way in which to go to battle, but not one man questioned, each proved to be faithful and obedient to carry out God's instructions.

Can we not also place complete confidence in God and obey His commands as these Israelites did? He speaks to us in His Holy Word just as plainly as He did to those people. We can understand if we will do so.

He wishes to place His torch, the Holy Spirit within our hearts, but He can only do so if we permit our wills to be broken even as the pitchers were. Then the Holy Spirit can **shine forth** within us and can conquer the devil.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Gideon's greatness consisted in his willingness to face realities, and to follow God's leadership in overcoming them.

GOLDEN TEXT: *NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.*
Zechariah 4:6

Because the Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Midianites for seven years. Unable to grow food for themselves and their animals, surrounded by the enemy, finally the Children of Israel "cried unto the Lord . . ." (Judges 6:6) But God had a lesson to teach them, to show that through obedience they could have access to the power of God, which is greater than any power man could ever possess. God would not allow many men to go into the battle with Gideon, lest they would say, "Mine own hand hath saved me". (Judges 7:2) With only three hundred against the host of Midian, they must put their trust in God's strength first, "the sword of the Lord, and of Gideon". (Judges 7:18)

As we strive for our Promised Land, we too, cannot trust in human strength and wisdom, but must put on the "Whole armour of God," (Ephesians 6:13) knowing that it is only by His Spirit that we can ever be victorious.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 17—23

M. Israel's Disobedience and Bondage. Judges 6:1-10
T. Gideon's Deep Concern. Judges 6:11-23
W. *A Wise Beginning. Judges 6:24-33
T. *Seeking for Guidance. Judges 6:34-40
F. *Gideon's Unusual Army. Judges 7:1-11
S. *God's Man Gideon. Judges 7:12-23
S. God's Man Leads to Victory. Judges 8:13-23

Visit www.accfoundation.org for this and other Bible class lessons