



Unexpected

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“Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press to hide it from the Midianites.”

Judges 6:11

“And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

Judges 6:12

“That night the Lord said to him, Take your fathers bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.”

Judges 6:25

“and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.”

Judges 6:26

“So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

Judges 6:27

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

Psalms 51:10

“My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.”

Psalms 51:17

“But the spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon and he sounded the trumpet and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

Judges 6:34-35

“The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give. The Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, “My own hand has saved me.”

Judges 7:2

“Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people saying whoever is trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead. Then 22,000 of the people returned and 10,000 remained.”

Judges 7:3

“And the Lord said to Gideon, the people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, This one shall go with you, shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, this one shall not go with you, shall not go.”

Judges 7:4

“So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, “Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, everyone who kneels down to drink.” And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water. And the Lord said to Gideon, “With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand and let all the others go every man to his home.”

Judges 7:5-7

“And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars with torches inside the jars.”

Judges 7:16

“So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!” Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. When they blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled”

Judges 7:19-22