

Judges 6:1-6, 11-16, 22-24

1And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

3And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

4And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

11And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: **and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.**

12And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, **The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.**

13And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? **but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.**

14And the LORD looked upon him, and said, **Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?**

15And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16And the LORD said unto him, **Surely I will be with thee**, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

22**And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.**

23**And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.**

24**Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom:** unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

58-0316A - "As The Eagle Stirs Her Nest And Fluttereth Over Her Young"

34 So you know what happens? The old mother comes into that nest, and she takes that same beak, that she daubed it all up with, and pulls every bit of that sheepskin out, every bit of that rabbit fur out, and throws the thing out of the nest. **She makes the nest so miserable, till he—they can't even set down.**

You know, God knows how to make you willing to do things. That's happened to the many of your families. Certainly it is. **He just pulls all the soft pad out, so you walk on thorns.** Every time he sets down, it's on a thorn. He jumps up. He becomes discouraged after while, and I think, if there ever was a time that the Pentecostal church ought to be discouraged, is now. **We've denominated ourselves, built great barriers of lines. One's Assemblies, the other one's a Oneness, the other one is a—a this, and that, and the other one. And then we just built such lines, and barriers till there's stick stick, here, and stick stick, there. What's the matter? God's fixing to take us out of it.** That's exactly what it is. Them little old eagles get tired setting down on them thorns.

Judges 6:19-21

19And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it.

20And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

62-0521 - "Convinced And Then Concerned"

77 Now, now, this thing we have to do, **if we can believe it, and be concerned about it, first we've got to be convinced that it is God, then when we're convinced, then we are concerned.** I like that.

Convinced:

- Completely certain about something.
- Firm in one's belief with regard to a particular cause or issue.

Concerned:

- To become involved with something, or worried about something