

## Trophies of Grace

Judges 6

### CENTRAL IDEA

God utilizes what appears to be inadequate to make trophies of Grace!

#### I. THE PROBLEM v.1-10

- A. **Israel's Rebellion** (6:1): Once again the Israelites turn to idolatry and anger the Lord.
- B. **The Lord's Retribution** (6:2–6): The Lord allows the cruel Midianites to oppress the Israelites for seven years.
- C. **The prophet's Rebuke** (6:7–10): A prophet sternly reminds the people that sin has caused their suffering.

#### II. THE PRESCRIPTION v.11-23

- A. **The Place** (6:11)
- B. **The Protest** (6:12–13)
  - 1. The greeting (6:12)
  - 2. The grumbling (6:13)
- C. **The Promise** (6:14–16)
  - 1. The command (6:14)
  - 2. The cowardly response (6:15)
  - 3. The comfort (6:16)
- D. **The Proof** (6:17–23): Gideon asks for a sign to be certain that he is to rescue Israel.
  - 1. The meal (6:17–19)
  - 2. The miracle (6:20–23)

#### III. THE PROCEDURE vv. 24-40

- A. **The Altars** (6:24–32): Gideon builds two altars to the Lord.
  - 1. The first altar (6:24): He names this altar "The LORD Is Peace."
  - 2. The second altar (6:25–32)
    - The directive to Gideon (6:25–27)
    - The disgust with Gideon (6:28–30)
    - The defense of Gideon (6:31–32)

**B. The Anointing (6:33–35)**

1. The threat (6:33)
2. The trumpet (6:34–35)

**C. The Assurance (6:36–40):** Gideon requests two signs from God to assure him of his calling to rescue Israel. God answers Gideon's request.

1. First sign (6:36–38)
2. Second sign (6:39–40)

**CONCLUSION:**

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Notice several things:

- Moments of desperation are used by God to bring us to opportunities to accomplish God's work! We might not hear Him otherwise.
- God's view of us is much different than the world's view of us. He wants to develop and use us to our full potential; the world just uses and discards us after we complete the task.
- God's view of us is different than our view of ourselves. He thinks more highly of us than we do of ourselves!
- The motive for Christian living is not that we might gain something we don't have but that we might live up to what we already have in Christ.