

God At The Center of My Future

Judges 6:11-17

Judges 6:11-17 ¹¹ And 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.¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.¹³ And 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.¹⁴ And 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?¹⁵ And 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.¹⁶ And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.¹⁷ And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

1. God's Sovereign Will

Judges 6:14 ¹⁴ And 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?

Proverbs 19:21 ²¹ There are many devices (schemes, purposes) in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel (purpose, plans) of the LORD, that shall stand.

2. God's Revealed Will

Exodus 20:3-5 ³ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

- **God will only speak a new word to you when I have obeyed his previous word to you.**

Judges 6:25-27 ²⁵ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:²⁶ And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.²⁷ Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

2 Peter 3:9 ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Micah 6:8 ⁸ He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

- **The word Holy in Scripture is the Greek word "Hagios"**
- **Hagios – set apart, different, sacred, dedicated to God.**

There are 3 categories of laws in the OT

- **Moral**
- **- This represented God's unchanging standard of right and wrong (10 commandments)**

- **Ceremonial**
- - This represented the process for worship, sacrifices, cleanliness and rituals in the OT
- **Civil**
- - This represented the social justice, punishment and governing of the people

Romans 8:29 ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren

Psalms 119:105 ¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

- **We want the Fruit....without the Faithfulness.**
- **You cannot walk in God's will, if you're disobeying God's Word...**

3. God's Permissive Will

Judges 8:32-33 ³² And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. ³³ And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baalberith their god.

1 Corinthians 10:23 ²³ All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

- **God is far better at guiding His servants than we are at ruining His plans.**

4. God's Personal Will

Judges 6:34 ³⁴ But the **Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon**, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

Psalms 32:8 ⁸ I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Judges 6:36-40 ³⁶ And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, ³⁷ Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. ³⁸ And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. ³⁹ **And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once:** let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. ⁴⁰ And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground