

A Few Number of People

Judges 6:19-27

All mankind has problems. They face continuous problems. They have no choice but to be defeated by their problems because Satan is the cause of all problems. Satan is mightier than mankind and cunningly deceives all unseen to the eyes. However, there is the fundamental problem that has come to mankind. Mankind desires to do what Satan desires. They have the same hope as Satan and follow after Satan's method. Many cannot commit a crime because there is the law, but if the law did not exist, they would do it all following Satan's method. This is the state of depravity. They all fall into depravity to which they cannot block it with their own strengths. They all will end in hell and receive suffering forevermore. Jesus Christ is complete and perfect to which He is the only way to come out of the fundamental problem. Jesus Christ can save all and set mankind free from curse. Jesus Christ is the answer to life's problem. There is no other way except through Jesus Christ to resolve the problem of Satan. Therefore, you must hold to Jesus Christ as the covenant as you live your life.

1. Restoration of the covenant

- 1) The story of Gideon's Three Hundred Men was recorded to prove that it was not by Gideon's strength or courage, but by the power of God. It records that all the people of the East lay like locusts in abundance, but God purposefully left behind 300 men to battle. (7:12)
- 2) The start of the problem was always idol worship. That is why the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years. (6:1) Therefore, the people of Israel made themselves the dens that are in the mountains and caves and the strongholds. (6:2) Whenever the Israelites planted crops, the people of the East would come up against them like locusts and devour the produce of the land, leaving no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey. (6:3-5)
- 3) Because the Israelites were brought very low, they cried out to the Lord on account of the Midianites. (6:7) That is when the Lord sent a prophet to His people to explain the reason for their hardships as He also began to answer the prayers of the Israelites.
- 4) The angel of the Lord appeared before Gideon and proved himself as the Lord when a fire sprang from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes when the tip of the staff touched it. This became the symbol of Gideon.
- 5) That night, the Lord said to him, "Take your father's 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 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." He said to restore the covenant first.
- 6) And Gideon went out to the battlefield but the Lord said that there were too many of them as he ordered Gideon to send back everyone except 300 men. The 300 men did not even fight in the battle but simply held the torches inside of empty jars and blew trumpets around the camp. When the trumpets blew, every man's sword was against his comrade and they fled. (7:22) From then on, the Israelites killed the king of Midian and had complete victory.
- 7) There are a few important topics recorded in the book of Judges. The first is that the start of problems is idol worship. (6:1) Secondly, when you pray, God will always answer. Also, there was always one person that restored the covenant and Israel was restored when that person was at the center. And there was peace while that person lived.
- 8) That is a very important message, but it is more important that it exists even now. The 300 men represent how the Lord is almighty and therefore does not need your power. Therefore, you must not rely on evil spirits, but solely rely on Him.
- 9) The Lord commanded Gideon to destroy all idols and take the second bull to offer it as a burnt offering. This is because nothing is possible without the restoration of the covenant. And those that fight in the battle against one who has the covenant will hold swords against their comrades.
- 10) The summary of Judges is recorded in Judges 21:25. "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." May you receive the blessing to be one of a few

number of people in America, a place where most people live according to what is right in their eyes. God will work when you restore the covenant.

2. **Satan will destroy on his own**

- 1) The answer to your life is Christ. When you live holding to Christ as the covenant Satan will be destroyed on his own. This is only possible through the answer that God gave, not by your own efforts or strength. God has given you the answer to destroy the cause of all problems, Satan.
- 2) Gideon was a person with weak faith. The famous story of the fleece and dew past Judges 6:36 reveals his weakness of faith. Even when Gideon went out to war because he was anxious God gave him different evidence. In verse 7:13 Gideon took one of his men to their enemy's camp and heard the dream of one of the soldiers. After hearing about the dream, with conviction he went to war.
- 3) Likewise, Gideon himself was a weak person, lacked faith, and only had 300 soldiers. Even in these absurd conditions, God shows you that He can do it, and gives the message to never depart from His covenant and always be with Him. The number of enemies doesn't matter.
- 4) The world does what is right in their own eyes. This is the case for many believers. The majority do not even know Christ and the churches are constantly changing, becoming worldly. However, regardless of this situation, if you hold onto God's covenant of Christ, Satan fights among himself and will be destroyed.
- 5) Because God is righteous He does not need your strength but all He needs you to do is to hold to the covenant. Even if you do not have the covenant God can do all things. However, if you are holding to the covenant God will be at work.
- 6) Christ liberated you from curses. He crushed the serpent's head and brought you out of your fate. If you are enjoying the covenant your life can be like this and He is the complete way for you to be with God for 24 hours.
- 7) You must live by the covenant. If you are confessing the covenant you will live and for the covenant. In each age God started with a few number of people. Even if all the church members become disciples of the age, it is a very small number in America. Speaking of Latin America, there are fewer people. Latin America has a population of over 600 million people.
- 8) The characteristics of the few number of people are not the numbers, but the covenant. The characteristics of the few number of people are that they have the covenant, they have victory through the covenant, and that they relay that covenant. These are the few people that the Bible speaks of. These people were the ones left behind at that age. God has given you this grace and allowed you to pray for the multiethnics, remnants, America and Latin America. May all families and individuals be filled with these historical blessings.