

## #41 Gideon's Army

Do you know the story of Gideon and who he was  
And that God chose this young man because  
He was the least in his family and one full of doubt  
Who didn't know what the power of God is all about?

An angel of the Lord appeared to him; the Lord Himself he did perceived  
Who called him a mighty man of valor. This at first he didn't believe.  
But the Lord instructed him to deliver Israel from the hands of the  
Midianites  
And he would succeed in this thy might: because God had sent him into  
The fights.

He started to understand and trust in the Lord  
That he would have power when he picked up his sword  
As he obeyed God's commandment to first offer a sacrifice.  
He did all he was told without having to think twice.

But wait...soon after that day when push came to shove  
His flesh intervened. He wanted reassurance from above.  
He tested God to prove that His words were true  
By setting out a fleece and controlling the dew.

Believe it or not, Gideon still had doubt  
So he set it out again and asked God to turn it about,  
And do the exact opposite of the miracle just done!  
After God did that too, Gideon's trust was then won.

Once again Gideon's flesh took over as he gathered all that he could  
To do battle with the Midianites because he thought that he should.  
But God told him there were too many, too much chance for pride  
To creep into Israel's mindset and forget who's driving this ride.

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So twenty two thousand volunteers God sent on their way  
When Gideon proclaimed: All that are afraid leave...the rest, you can stay.  
But still God sensed even more pride in the ten thousand still willing  
So He sent them to drink water; to see with what water their mouths  
They were filling.

I'll pause for a moment to give you some insight;  
There were first thirty three thousand willing to fight,  
But of this number, most were there only because of duty.  
See, twenty two thousand were more worried about their own booty!

The ten thousand left were brave for sure  
But God saw that their motives were far from pure.  
They knew their mission and that they would win  
But the PRIDE that would grow from their own works was sin.

We're saved by **GRACE, not by works** that we could boast.  
When pride swells up, God puts us in the fire to roast  
And burn up that unrighteous thought process  
So further down that road we won't continue to digress.

The three hundred men that drank the water with care  
Kept an eye out for the enemy, they didn't fail to beware.  
The water symbolizes God's Word, which is food for our hearts  
But we're not to lose focus on where comes Satan's fiery darts

So we can withstand the attack and know how to defend,  
Whether they hit us straight on, or from the rear end.  
**The True Water of Life was shown us as JESUS, The King**  
And what a blessing a life in submission will bring.

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But once again Gideon's flesh became fearful  
So the Lord told him and his servant to go get an earful,  
And be strengthened with this new knowledge of what the enemy had  
Planned.

Then...you will be confident victory will be delivered into your hand.

The enemy occupied the valley; **Gideon took the high ground**,  
Which shows us the depth of sin and the height in which believers are  
Found.

Then Gideon used his three hundred men **armed only with trumpets  
And lamps!**

They shinned their light unto the darkness and blew the trumpets.  
They were the champs!

**The Light symbolizes the Truth and the Trumpets...The Word.**

They yelled, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!" All the camp surely  
Heard.

This caused the enemy to turn their swords upon one another and many  
Fell dead.

The two princes were slain at the wine press. Gideon then chopped off  
Their head!

**Could these two princes be like unto the Dragon and False Prophet?  
Surely they are,** this isn't just a story like "Little Miss Moffitt".

**Old Testament stories all have a truth to be told**

**So since The Great Tribulation HAS BEGUN, God's church will be bold.**

***We'll have studied the stories throughout all of time past  
And we'll understand; in eternity...only two things will last.***

**That's surely...God's Word, and all the souls of mankind**

**Who will be forever stuck to the Spirit they chose to be entwined!!!**

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