

Who Is My King? – Let Go and Let God

– Judges 7

Focus:

1. Let Go and Let God takes a tremendous amount of Faith
2. God builds up our faith - Faith upon Faith – Romans 1:17
3. God always meet us with grace - Grace upon grace – John 1
4. We can completely surrender to him (He is our King) because we can Let Go and Let God.

I. Jerub-Baal (v.1)

1. Jerub-Baal - “Because Gideon broke down Baal’s altar, they gave him the name Jerub-Baal that day, saying, ‘Let Baal contend with (deal with) him’”
2. Baal worship continues after Judges. For example,

Jeremiah 9:13

¹³The Lord said, “It is because they have forsaken my law, which I set before them; they have not obeyed me or followed my law. ¹⁴Instead, they have followed the stubbornness of their hearts; they have followed the Baals, as their ancestors taught them.”

3. Even today, what is our Baal? Money, health, career, relationship, etc...? Do people call us Jerub – money or health, etc...? I.e. Let money deal with us because we broke down the control that we give money over us or let health deal us because we broke down the control that we give health over us, etc...?

II. God uses the weak (v.2)

cross-reference with Jeremiah 9:23-24 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

1. Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³This is what the Lord says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

²⁴but let the one who boasts boast about this:

that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,”

declares the Lord.

2. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that

are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

III. How God chooses his army? (v.3)

1. Trembles with fear may turn back

Men count: 33,000 men – 22,000 trembles with fear = 10,000 men

2. Got down on their knees to drink go home (v.4-8)

Men count: 10,000 men – 9700 drink on their knees = 300 men left

According to the world’s logic, the greater the army in size, the stronger the army.

But Gideon did not complain because he is at the peak of his faith.

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IV. Experiencing God (v. 9-25)

a. Midianites men count: 135,000 men (Judges 8:10) ratio to the Israelites = (135,000 : 300) men = 450 : 1

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b. God even control dreams. “*When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped.” (v.15)*

c. Gideon won the war with trumpets and torches inside jars.

d. The more Gideon knew about God, the more he trusted God and the more he experienced God’s grace.

e. 1st time, Gideon met with God’s grace was when his life was spared after he took down Baal’s altar (Judges 6:25-27).

f. 2nd time, Gideon met with God’s grace was when he defeated his enemies with 300 men.

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