

## **Scripture reading: Judges 6, 7 & 8th chapter**

### **Gideon**

God calls Gideon to deliver the Israelites from their bondage under the Midianites. But Gideon responds to God's call with a low self esteem saying that his clan is the weakest and he is the least in his father house. God said to him, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you? Surely I will be with you and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man". Dear children, these words spoken by God not just for Gideon, it is for you too. Be not worried when you are the rejected one in your school, family and among your friends and neighborhood. Instantly pray saying, Jesus, just as you encouraged Gideon and sent him, strengthen me and lead me.

### **Question:**

What were the achievements of Gideon, the 6th judge?

### **Answer:**

He destroyed the altars of Baal. When 32,000 Israelites were being prepared for the battle, God said to Gideon to send back those who were fearful and afraid. 22,000 among them returned. God wanted to test the remaining 10,000. He takes them through a test. God said Gideon to separate those who lap from the water with his tongue as a dog laps and those who get down on their knees to drink. The number of those who lapped putting their hand to their mouth was there hundred men. God said Gideon to send back those 9,700 men and go forth to the battle with this mere 300. The weapons that these 300 men had to fight against the massive army of the Midianites were a trumpet, a mud pot and a torch inside the pot. He divided them into 3 troops of 100 and surrounded the Midianites camp from all direction. He commanded them to blow the trumpet and shout, "the sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" When they did likewise, the Midianites army fled and was destroyed. Dear children the battle belongs to the lord. All we have to do is to obey just as Gideon obeyed.

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4

### **Prayer:**

Father just as you were with Gideon, be with us. Fill us with the spirit of power. We will use that power for the glory of your name. Amen.