Lesson 6: Gideon’s Victory and Decline

Deliverance Belongs to God | Judges 7-8

Key verse: “And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.” (Judges 7:7)

Objective: Confess that deliverance belongs to God and pursue continuing obedience after seasons of visible victory.

Follow the Text

1. Deliverance belongs to _____.
2. Spiritual victory requires continuing _____.
3. God saved Israel by _____ men so Israel could not boast.
4. _____ should precede service.
5. _____ set every man’s sword against his fellow.
6. Gideon rightly declared, “_____.”
7. Gideon’s _____ became a spiritual snare.
8. _____ steals glory that belongs to God.
9. _____ is needed after seasons of visible victory.
10. The faithful King and Deliverer is _____.

Notes

- The water test’s stated purpose was to prevent Israel from boasting. Do not make unspoken theories about military alertness the point of the passage.
- Gideon’s ephod is a serious warning: an unauthorized religious object led Israel into idolatry and became a snare.

Discuss

1. What forms can “Mine own hand hath saved me” take in modern Christian life?
2. How should Gideon’s worship before battle shape our response to God’s encouragement?

3. When does a gentle answer help resolve conflict?
4. Why are seasons after success spiritually dangerous?
5. What can become an ephod-like substitute for faithful worship today?

Further Study

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:57-58; and Ephesians 6:10-18. Pray for humility in success and identify one safeguard against spiritual drift.