

“FAITH IS THE VICTORY” (Judges 7:1-25)

* Isaiah 55:8-10 (Read)

I. THE PREPARATION FOR THE BATTLE (7:1-15)

A. ISRAEL Prepared (7:1-8)

1. The Revealed Problem (7:1-2)

a) There was the problem of _____ . (7:2a)

b) There was the potential for _____ . (7:2b)

** What does this teach us about man?*

** How should this warn us about pride?*

2. The Reduction Process (7:3-8)

In order to reduce numbers, these troops were submitted to . . .

a) the test of _____ . (7:3)

** What were the results?*

** How does this apply today?*

b) the test of _____ . (7:4-6)

** What were the results?*

** How does this apply to you?*

c) the test of _____ . (7:7-8)

** How was this demonstrated?*

** How does this apply to you?*

B. GIDEON and MIDIAN Prepared (7:9-15)

1. Encouraging Gideon's Faith (7:9-12, 15)

** What did God use to strengthen Gideon's heart for battle?*

** Where can you find encouragement and assurance to strengthen your heart?*

2. Exciting Midian's Fear (7:13-14)

** What is the significance of the barley cake dream?*

** How would this affect the Midianites?*

** What does this reveal to us about God?*

II. THE PLAN OF ATTACK (7:16-25)

A. The SEEMINGLY FOOLISH Strategy (7:16-18)

1. The Dividing of the Troops (7:16a)

2. The Distribution of the Weapons (7:16b)

** What weapons were they given?*

3. The Directions for the Battle (7:17-18)

** What can you learn from this?*

B. The SOVEREIGN and FAITHFUL God (7:19-25)

1. The Obedience of the Troops (7:19-20)

2. The Outcome of the Battle—Victory! (7:21-25)

** What are some principles of spiritual victory that you can learn from all of this?*