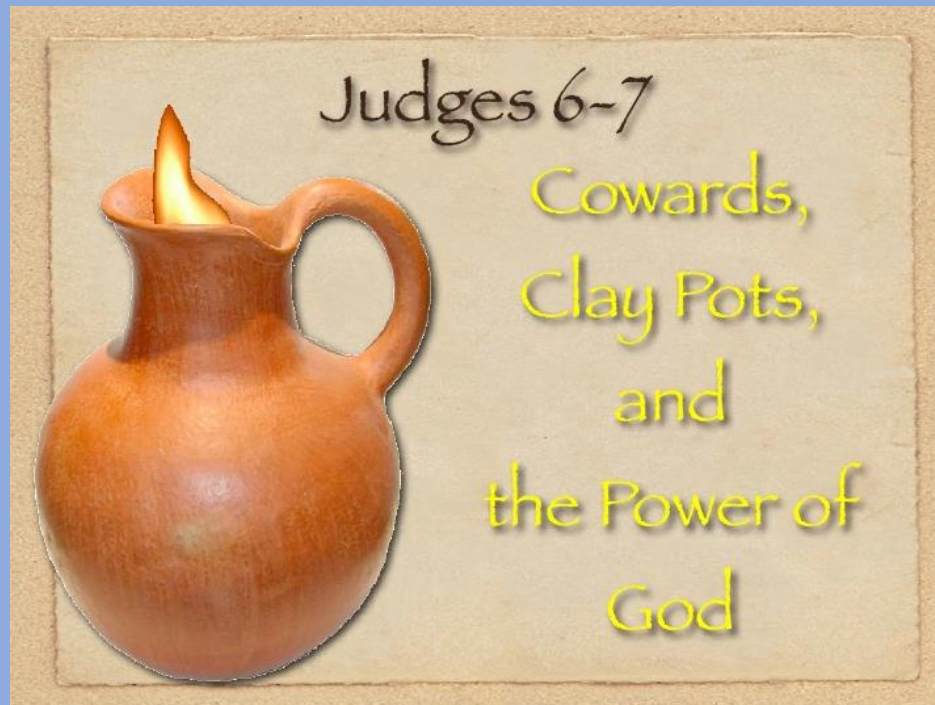


God's Power Through Our Weakness

Judges 7 : 1-23



I. The 300 Men Chosen (Judges 7:1-8)

*A. The First Stage:
The fearful returned to
their homes*

Judges 7:3; see Deut. 20:1-8

32,000 – 22,000 = 10,000

***B. The Second Stage:
The Kneelers and the Lappers
are separated*** (Judges 7:4-8)

$$10,000 - 9,700 = 300$$

Lesson:

The Lord often insists that His people be reduced to utter helplessness, so that they must know that their deliverance can only be credited to His power.

II. The Dream of the Midianite Soldier and its Meaning

(Judges 7:9-15a)

***A. The Dream is a sign to
encourage Gideon***

(Judges 7:9-13)

Lesson:

The Lord knows the fears of His servants and how fearful we can be in our various circumstances.

B. The Meaning of the Dream

1. The falling of the tent is the defeat of Midian (Judges 7:14)

2. The barley bread symbolizes Gideon's sword (Judges 7:14).

Often what seem to happen quite naturally is used by God miraculously.

III. The Battle (Judges 7:15b-22)

A. The Preparations

(Judges 7:15b-18)

1. Gideon divides the army into three parts to surround the camp of the Midianites

(Judges 7:16)

**2. Gideon equipped each man
with a trumpet and an empty
jar with a torch in each jar
(Judges 7:16)**

**3. Gideon instructed the army
to imitate Gideons actions
(Judges 7:16)**

*It is not Israel but Jehovah
who is to fight the Midianites.*

B. The Battle Itself

(Judges 7:19-23; see Isaiah 9:4)

Concluding Lesson:

God often uses the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wisdom of the world.

1 Cor. 1:26-29

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