

THEY STOOD EVERY MAN IN HIS PLACE JUDGES 7

Text: Judges 7:21

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And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

Introduction:

Israel was under the opposition of Midian because of their sin (Judges 6:1-10)

God calls Gideon to deliver his people (Judges 6:11-40)

The battle alarm has been sounded (Judges 6:34)

No army is in place for the battle to begin (Judges 7:1)

It is this valley that God does an amazing thing.

1. GOD'S PLAN - THERE ARE TOO MANY (VS 1-8)

Judges 7:2

And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

A. Fearful dismissed (vs 3)

1. 22,000 leave

B. Fearless dismissed (vs 4-8)

C. Faithful 300 kept (vs 7)

2. GOD'S PROMISE - (VS 9-15)

A. I have delivered (vs 9)

B. Thy hand shall be strengthened (vs 11)

Note the odds: 135,000 vs 300

3. GOD'S POWER (vs 16-25)

- A. The teams - (3 groups of 100)
- B. The tools - (trumpet, pitcher, lamp)
- C. The tactics (vs 17-22)

Close:

You have an enemy - the devil

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

You have the weapons

2 Cor. 10:4

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)