

The Faith of Gideon

(Hebrews 11:32)

Introduction:

1. In Hebrews 11 we read about a number of men and women from the Old Testament who showed how faith will enable a person to be in good standing with God.
2. In vs.32 Gideon is mentioned.
 - a. Gideon was one of Israel's judges.
 - b. After Joshua died Israel went through a very unsettled period until Saul became king.
 - c. During this time Israel had a series of "judges" [deliverers].
 - d. Through these judges God delivered Israel from foreign oppression (Judges 2:16-19).
 - e. We read about Gideon and the things he accomplished as Israel's judge in Judges 6-8.

Discussion:

I. JUDGES 6

- A. (vs.1-6) God allowed the Midianites to afflict Israel.
- B. (vs.7-10) God revealed through a prophet why the Midianites were afflicting Israel.
- C. (vs.11-24) Gideon was informed that he would deliver Israel from the Midianites.
- D. (vs.25-32) Gideon destroyed the altar of Baal.
- E. (vs.33-35) Gideon gathered an army.
- F. (vs.36-40) God assured Gideon that he would deliver Israel.

II. JUDGES 7

- A. (vs.1-8) Gideon's army was reduced to 300 men.
- B. (vs.9-25) The Midianites were defeated.

III. JUDGES 8

- A. (vs.22-23) Gideon refused to become king of Israel.
- B. (vs.28) Israel enjoyed "*quietness*" during the days of Gideon.