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GIDEON'S COMPLAINT

Judges 6-8 (p282)



Gideon's Victories

The oppression of Midian

Judges 6:1-10 (p 282)

1. Mesopotamia / **Othniel (40)**
2. Moabites / **Ehud (80)**
3. Philistines / **Shamgar**
4. Canaanites / **Deborah (40)**
5. Midianites & Amalekites
Gideon (40)



Gideon's Victories

Deliverance comes from God

Judges 6:11-12

Gideon needs proof vv14-18

God proves Gideon vv25-32

War with MID / AMA v33

Gideon needs sign vv36-40

GIDEON'S VALIANT 300

33,000 to 22,000 to 300

Judges 7:19-25

GIDEON SAID TO HIM, "O MY LORD, IF THE LORD IS WITH US, WHY THEN HAS ALL THIS HAPPENED TO US? AND WHERE ARE ALL HIS MIRACLES WHICH OUR FATHERS TOLD US ABOUT, SAYING, 'DID NOT THE LORD BRING US UP FROM EGYPT?' BUT NOW THE LORD HAS FORSAKEN US AND DELIVERED US INTO THE HANDS OF THE MIDIANITES."

Judges 6:13 (p 283)



Gideon's Complaint

The oppression was severe

Judges 6:1-6

His brothers had been killed

Judges 8:6-21

Gideon had to hide his wheat

Judges 6:11

HAD GOD FORSAKEN THEM?

HAD GOD WITHHELD HIS POWER?

WAS GOD TO BLAME?



Gideon's Complaint

Everything Gideon said was true ...

Deuteronomy 31:16-18

(p 239)

**THE PROBLEMS CAME FROM THE
ACTION OF THE PEOPLE**

Judges 6:25

Judges 6:10



Gideon's Complaint

It is easy to blame God
Sin brings its own penalties

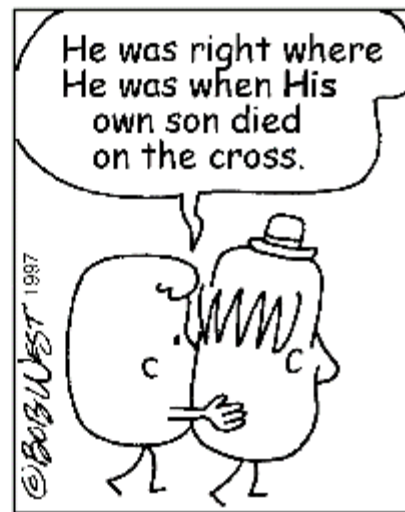
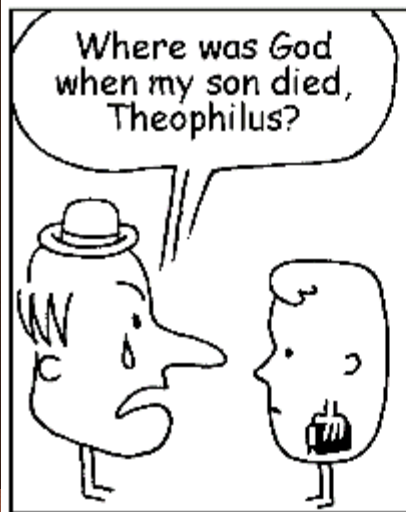
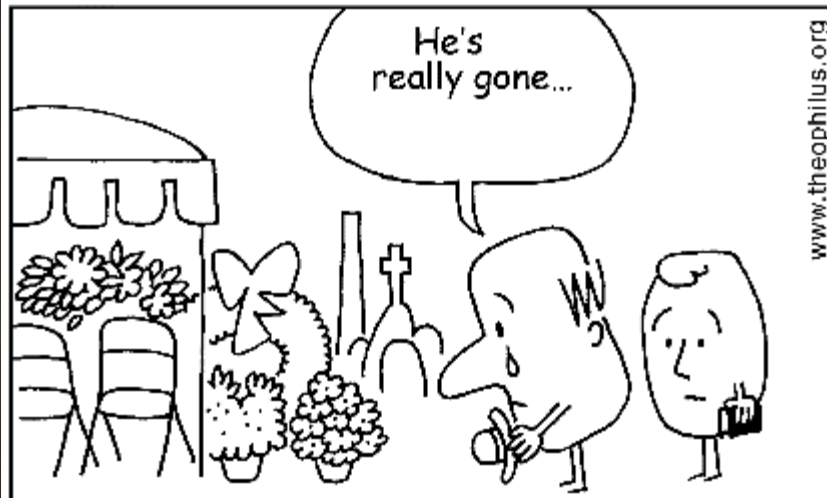
Proverbs 6:27-29 (p 731)

Gideon suffered family loss - did
he blame God?

- ✓ Has God abandoned us?
- ✓ Where is God in the midst of
this crisis?



Gideon's Complaint





Gideon's Complaint

THE ANSWER TO GIDEON'S COMPLAINT

Life is filled with hardship

Life can and will be unfair

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (p 1335)

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (p 1329)

**OUR OUTLOOK MUST COME FROM OUR
UPLOOK**

Faith sees the **PROMISE** and hope
BELIEVES the word of God

Trust in God alone **Judges 7:2 (p 284)**

Believe the impossible

2 Chronicles 14:11-12 (p 507)



Gideon's Complaint

THE ANSWER TO GIDEON'S COMPLAINT

Life is filled with hardship

Life can and will be hard

2 Chronicles 14:11-12 (p 507)

SO HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO ME:
"THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD TO
ZERUBBABEL: 'NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY
POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT,' SAYS THE
LORD OF HOSTS.
(ZECHARIAH 4:6)

Fail to believe
BELIEVE
Trust in the Lord
Believe the impossible

Judges 7:2 (p 284)

2 Chronicles 14:11-12 (p 507)

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GIDEON'S COMPLAINT

Philippians 1:20-23
(p1349)

FOR I AM ALREADY BEING POURED OUT AS A DRINK
OFFERING, AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND.
I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE
RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH. FINALLY, THERE IS LAID
UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE
LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE TO ME ON
THAT DAY, AND NOT TO ME ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO
HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING.

(2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8)