

## **Gideon Gets His House in Order** **Judges 6:1-32**

### ***God sends a prophet to confront his oppressed people. 1-10***

- Good relations with the Midianites had soured badly (Num. 31, 25:2-18), and again the Amalakites join in the attack, 3:13, Dt. 25:17-19.
- This prophetic confrontation is a first in Judges. No explicit statement here about repentance preached or occurring but see I Sam. 19:9-11.

### ***God convinces skeptical Gideon to deliver His people. 11-23***

- How could Gideon question God's concern in view of the prophet's message and idolatry of his own family, 6:25? Do we do this too?
- Gideon's protests aren't unique, see Ex. 3:10ff, I Sam. 9:21. Do we at times argue similarly? Consider I Cor. 1:26-30.
- Gideon seeks a sign and gets it. Should he have? Will it suffice?

### ***God makes Gideon clean up his own home first. 24-32***

- Why does God force Gideon to destroy the family/community Baal altar and Asherah pole and then build a second altar to Himself?
- What principle is here? I Tim. 3:4,5, Matt. 7:3-5, Ex. 4:24-26

