

Week 22
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Transforming Daily

“... valor ...”

Judges 6:12

The storyline in this text is somewhat humorous. Gideon, chosen to be a judge by God, is actually hiding out from the enemies of God. He was threshing wheat in a hollowed out place also used as a winepress. Basically he was hidden from sight because of the depression the winepress made in the earth.

The Angel of the Lord appears to Gideon, this is where the humor enters in, and calls him a “mighty man of valor.” “Mighty man of valor” when he is trying to hide out from the enemies of

God? It wasn't how the Angel of the Lord presently saw Gideon; it was how Gideon would soon see himself that the Angel of the Lord called him a "mighty man of valor."

God knew what was in the heart of Gideon. He knew that Gideon was the right man for the job even though Gideon didn't see it in and of himself. However, Gideon's valor was predicated upon the presence of God in and on Gideon's life for the purposes of God's good pleasure. Oversimplified, Gideon's courage came from the Lord.

You might be, or have been, hiding from the enemies of God. You might think that you are off the radar of the enemies of God. You aren't. And you most certainly can't hide from God (Note: Adam, Jonah, Paul etc.).

Furthermore, if you are a believer in Christ, you don't have to try to hide from either God or His enemies.

What does God see when He looks at one of His children? He sees victory and valor through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. As it was with Gideon it is with all believers. Even if and when we don't see it, God has empowered us by His Spirit to be men and women of valor.