

Week 45
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Transforming Daily
“ . . .the winepress . . . ”
Judges 6:11

Judges chapter six introduces the reader to one of the most well known characters in the Bible, a man named Gideon. One of the circumstances most interesting about Gideon is where the Angel of the Lord found him. Gideon was actually threshing wheat in a winepress. Why is that significant? Because the winepress was somewhat of a concaved, hard, compacted, surface, a shallow hole, in which one could be concealed to some extent. The text even says that's why Gideon was there, to hide from the Midianites, one of the enemies of the Israelites.

The Angel of the Lord greets Gideon by calling him a mighty man of valor. A man hiding from his enemy in a winepress threshing wheat is a mighty man of valor? That's exactly what Gideon thought. The story of Gideon isn't about what he thought about himself, but what God thought about him. And God said that he was a mighty man of valor. Through him God was going to rally the Israelites against the Midianites as if they were one man. Gideon just couldn't believe that the Angel was the Angel of the Lord and that He was going to use him as He said He would.

Many believers have a hard time believing that God is going to use them to do His will; that he is going to work through them to affect His kingdom according to His plan and good pleasure. In doing so, the believer actually get in his or her own way. On the other hand, it is a form of humility up to the point that the believer refuses to do what he or she knows is the will of God for their life. Gideon was faced with the same prospect, that is, to determine if God was really in this encounter. As it turned out, He was.

How do you think God sees you? Do you think that you see yourself the same way God sees you? Knowing the will of God for your life through His Word, are you willing to obey Him? Are you hiding from the enemy in “the winepress?”