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### **Bible Notes** **Gideon, Judges 6-8**

1. The Israelites were living in the land of the Amorites and had begun to worship their idols, just as they had done many other times.
2. The Israelites were oppressed, (badly mistreated), by the Amorites and the Midianites. Each year when the Israelites planted crops, they came in and camped on the Israelites' land, destroyed their crops and their livestock.
3. Again the Israelites cried out to God to be saved from the Amorites.
4. God, because of His love and promises to the Israelites, chose Gideon to free them.
5. God sent an angel to tell Gideon that he had been chosen to lead the Israelites. The angel told Gideon what to do.
6. Gideon asked God for a sign to show him that he was to lead the Israelites against the huge army of the Midianites.
7. He put a piece of wool on the threshing floor and asked for the ground to be dry and the wool to be wet.
8. Gideon awoke the next morning and squeezed enough dew from the wool to fill a bowl.
9. The next night, Gideon asked God to cause the ground to be wet and the fleece to be dry.
10. When Gideon awoke that next morning, he found the floor covered with dew and the fleece dry.
11. Next God told Gideon that the army of 22,000 was too large. He didn't want the Israelites to brag that they had defeated the enemy because of their large army.
12. God told Gideon to take 10,000 men to the water. He told Gideon that some men would drink the water by lapping it like dogs and others would bring it to their mouths with their hands.
13. God told Gideon to choose the three hundred men who lapped the water.
14. God armed the 300 soldiers with torches, jars, and trumpets, and the entire army defeated the Midianites.

#### **January Memory Verse:**

**Recite by Tuesday, January 31st!**

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise."

Ephesians 6:1-2