

Judges 7:1-2 NASB

¹Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose early and camped beside the spring of Harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley. ²The Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'

SERMON NOTES

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God's Holy Concern

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Gideon's experience

God's holy concern

Boastful – *pa 'ar* – "to glorify; to adorn; to honor"

Self-life (pride)

Stubborn Disease – "Do you show contempt for riches of His kindness...not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4)

Why does God want all the credit?

- 1) His power is longer than ours
- 2) His power is more balanced than ours (generous)
- 3) His power is more creative than ours (diverse)

32,000 → 10,000 (fear is a sign of self-life)

10,000 → 300 (self-indulgence is a sign of self-life)

Philippians 3:7 "Whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ."

Luke 9:23 "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

James 4:10 "Humble yourself in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you."