

Trumpet, Pitcher, & Torch

Judges 6-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Most unusual weapon used victoriously in 1 Samuel 17.
The side of right had God's might . . . God's will . . . And God's power.
- B. Review the story of Gideon.
- C. The weapons of our warfare are foreshadowed in the historical narrative of Gideon's battle with the Midianites.
- D. We are engaged in a warfare and need to be constantly reminded — for one who wanders about aimlessly on a battlefield is bound to become a casualty of war (Ephesians 6:10-12).
- E. The purpose of this lesson is to remind us of the unusual nature of the weapons of our warfare.

THE TRUMPET — **HERALDING** the Good News Of Salvation

- A. There is transforming power in the Word of God
 - 1. **Romans 1:16** - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also to the Greek."
 - 2. **1 Peter 2:21-23** - "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:
Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";
who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;"
- B. The word of God will:
 - 1. **Free** . . . **John 8:32** – “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
 - 2. **Sanctify** . . . **John 17:17** – “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”
 - 3. **Enlighten** . . . **Psalm 119:130** - “The entrance of Your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple.”
- C. 2 Timothy 4:1-4 tells us that the word needs to be preached at all times.
- D. The word of God will always triumph over the doctrines of the Devil in the sincere heart of a seeker of God's will.

THE PITCHER — **SERVICE** To Our Fellow Man

- A. Jesus was a servant and we are to follow His example.
 - 1. **Matthew 20:28** - "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
 - 2. We are “. . . to be conformed to the image of His Son." **Romans 8:29**

- B. As we have the opportunity, let us serve
1. **Galatians 6:10** - "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."
 2. **Proverbs 3:27** - "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so."
- C. We are to maintain good works. **Titus 3:8** - "This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men."
- D. Few things have as great an influence on others than to be willing to serve them.

THE TORCH — Our Godly **EXAMPLE**

- A. We are to be lights unto the world. **Matthew 5:14-16** - "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
- B. We are instructed to be examples. **1 Timothy 4:12** - "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."
- C. We will influence others — good or bad. **Romans 14:7** - "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. "
- D. **Psalms 19:105** – "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- E. We should be the reflection of Jesus in the world today.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The weapons of our warfare are indeed strange — but they are the weapons God has placed in our hands.
1. The **TRUMPET** . . . **HERALDING** the Good News of Salvation.
 2. The **PITCHER** . . . **SERVICE** to our fellow man
 3. The **TORCH** . . . Our Godly **EXAMPLE**. Take the light of the Gospel to the world that yet lies in darkness.
- B. To doubt their effectiveness, is to doubt the power of God behind them.
- C. May the lessons discussed in our study inspire us to do our part, and the power of God's word will do the rest.
- D. **God's Plan for man's Salvation**