

Judges 6:1-24 Confronted With the Word

1/25/09 - The Exchange

- I. The word is like an onion
 - A. The take it at face value layer.
 - B. The spiritual/practical application layer.
 - C. The gospel layer.
- II. 6:1-5 Sin, servitude
 - A. Face value
 - B. Application
 - C. Gospel
- III. 6:6-10 Supplication
 - A. Face value.
 - 1. Someone going around sharing this message.
 - 2. Not well received. Main point is the last sentence.
 - 3. They had forgotten what they had done to get there, who God is, what is promises were, and felt forgotten by God.
 - B. Application - When we get to the point where we need to cry out to the Lord, it is because we have forgotten what we have done to get there, who our God is, and what His promises are. It isn't because He has forgotten us.
 - C. Gospel
 - 1. A general (audience) gospel presentation.
 - 2. Like the first two "spiritual laws"
 - 3. People will react with chewing on it for a while with repentance, or anger, or a mix.
 - 4. It's the HS doing the work in them.
- IV. 6:11-24 Salvation preparation. The Call
 - A. Face value
 - 1. Angel of the Lord is God, possibly Jesus.
 - 2. Gideon didn't know who he was talking to.
 - 3. Apparently had been chewing on the prophet's message.
 - 4. When he finally figured out who this might be he puts it to the test.
 - 5. In the end he recognizes who he is, who God is, and surrenders himself to the Lord.
 - B. Application
 - 1. 6:11-12
 - a) Sometimes God is speaking to you, and you don't even know it.
 - b) God sees us as we will be, not as we are. Joseph, Moses, David, Paul.
 - 2. 6:13
 - a) God wants honesty from us. Maybe that's why He appeared this way. Otherwise Gideon may have acted "holy".
 - b) Apparently what the prophet was walking around and saying got Gideon thinking. God's word should do something, set something into motion in us. Just like then, "God, why aren't you moving?" Pray for it!

3. **6:14 might of yours** - probably referring to Gideon's attitude. Take that and turn it for good. Bossy kids make good leaders someday? Gideon still hasn't figured out that this is God.
 4. **6:15-18**
 - a) Gideon had no frame of reference to know for sure if this was the Lord. Like we said last time, **familiarity**.
 - b) Where were offerings supposed to be made? Tabernacle. Offering is something you want to give. God takes those anytime, anywhere.
 5. **6:19-24**
 - a) Remember, enemies took animals and crops.
 - b) Gideon's testing-faith cause him to work. Show me and I'll believe vs. believe and I will show you.
 - c) **When God is calling, make yourself available to Him.**
Isaiah 6:8 "here I am" **Romans 12:1-2**, living sacrifice.
- C. Gospel
1. A general presentation becomes a specific challenge.
 2. In christ pictures. 1 John 5:11+
 3. Objections people raise to the gospel about themselves, the world, etc.
 4. God shows us how we are supposed to be in Christ, salvation.
 5. How do we respond? Rejection, or surrender?