

Paul describes how he contends in the spiritual realm

1 Corinthians 9:26 (AMPC)

In this “Coming Up Higher” series we are learning how to be precise in our approach when facing our enemy

Isaiah 41:10, 13-15-16 (NKJV)

You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them.

You shall rejoice in the Lord, and glory in the Holy One of Israel.

- Isaiah is describing how our enemies, (**mountains that have been beaten small and hills like chaff - that have been ground down by the word of God spoken from our mouths**)
- All the obstacles which are in our way, **should be scattered or blown away - by the wind.**
- **the wind (rûah -Spirit of God, the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit / wind of heaven/breath)**

Gideon

Judges 6-8

a) **The fact that Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress was significant.**

Gideon threshed out his wheat in a winepress, not effective.

When Gideon winnows the wheat, **there is no wind to blow away the chaff – he is stuck with his enemies, because of fear.**

**Gideon is threshing wheat – doing the right thing in the wrong place – winepress
WINEPRESS – LOW PLACE BEATING/STAMPING**

b) **Gideon Receives some iMessages – in the winepress**

- **Angel = God visits Gideon** giving him an “iMessage” V12,14
 - Gideon you are mighty, courageous, the Lord is with you, I have sent you
- Gideon is **completely deaf to the God “iMessage”** and **continues to confess his own “iMessages” V13,15 – declaring the exact opposite, saying**
 - God has forsaken us and given us over to the enemy
 - I am the weakest
 - I am the least
- **Angel =God gives him another “iMessage”**
 - I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.

We can find ourselves in the WINEPRESS – LOW PLACE BEATING/STAMPING

Get the right Perspective - Is the Enemy bigger than God?

c) **Gideon has a Revelation of Peace in Battle**

Judges 6:22 -24

- Gideon **builds an altar**; an altar is a place of sacrifice.
- **Gideon sacrifices his thoughts the lies of the enemy on the altar and receives the Revelation of “The Lord is Peace”**
- The God of Peace is with Him, He will not die, He no longer needs to fear.
- **Gideon went out into His life battle with the God of Peace, rather than the God of Fear**

Get out of Fear, Get into Peace

Romans 16:20

d) **Game changer for Gideon came - Holy Spirit**

Judges 6:34(NKJV & AMPC)

Example: Like a Glove – the Holy Spirit clothed Gideon with Himself – enabled Him supernaturally to do what Gideon couldn’t do in the natural.

Trust the Wind – Holy Spirit

- Jesus promised us a Guide the Helper –Holy Spirit to help us defeat the Skittles in life.
- If we trust the Holy Spirit will get in the middle of that battle and defeat our enemy with most outrageous strategies.
- When Gideon winnows the wheat in the wine press there was no wind to blow away the chaff – **he was stuck with his enemies.**
- **But when He was clothed with the Holy Spirit – the Ruah /breath/ wind of God / His enemy was scattered**

The Holy Spirit is the wind in this passage:

Isaiah 41:16 (NKJV)

- **the wind (rûah -Spirit of God**, the third person of the triune God, **the Holy Spirit / wind of heaven/breath)**
- Will take care of the enemies/obstacles

Like Paul we do not beat the air without uncertainty – we take aim, we are precise in spiritual warfare

- We get the right perspective about the enemy – GOD IS BIGGER/STRONGER
- We sacrifice fear and take on PEACE
- We take aim with the Word of God
- We release it with our mouths
- The Holy Spirit Clothes us / empowers us with the resources of heaven for our situation
- The enemy is carried away / scattered by the wind / the rûah – breath of God
- The Lord of Hosts of Heavenly armies is bringing Victory !!

***Zechariah 4:6** ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the Lord of hosts.*

Goes on to say....**Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!**

Conclusion

What Midianite is attacking you and keeping you in fear?

- It's time to get in the game
- God is talking to you in the winepress saying, the winepress is not your assigned final destination.
- God wants you out of the winepress and onto the Threshing floor to engage spiritual warfare to do great exploits.
- So, listen to the angel of the Lord and come out of the winepress today
- Get onto the Threshing Sledge
- Beat the mountains small with the word of God
- Be clothed in the **Holy Spirit's rûah Power**
- See those enemies blown away – scattered – never to be seen again.

Declaration:

I am recalibrating truth today

- God, you see me
- God you are my peace
- God you are protecting me and delivering me from my enemy

I speak to my circumstances –

- You don't stand a chance against God and the Holy Spirit – in Jesus Name amen