

July 3, 2022
“The Aftermath of Gideon’s Victory”
Judges 8:22-27

- 1) A Noble Statement (v.23)
 - a. What Israel needed was to follow God
 - b. Gideon knew God brought the deliverance:
 - i. God initiated the call in choosing Gideon (Judges 6:14-16)
 - ii. The first sign—the angel consuming the sacrifice (6:17-24)
 - iii. The destruction of idols (6:25-32)
 - iv. The second sign—the wet fleece (6:36-38)
 - v. The third sign—the dry fleece (6:39-40)
 - vi. The reduction of his army (7:1-8)
 - vii. The fourth sign—infiltrating the camp (7:9-14)
 - viii. Gideon’s response—worshipping God (7:15)
 - c. Israel’s greatest need was spiritual (I Sam. 8:4-7)

- 2) A Grievous Sin (v.27)
 - a. Gideon asked for a portion of the plunder
 - b. Gideon turned that reward into an idol (Ex. 32:1-4)
 - c. Gideon’s actions harmed himself, his family and the entire nation

- 3) Some Personal Applications:
 - a. The greatest successes we can have are God-given (Judges 7:3; 8:10)
 - b. Success can sometimes puff us up
 - c. We are each capable of noble statements and grievous sins