GOD'S ANSWER FOR FEAR

• Sin Always Brings Consequences

• When We Call To God He Hears And Answers

• Don't Blame God When Your Sin Separates You From Him

• God Takes The Weak And Makes Them Strong
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- Judges 6:17-21 (NIV) (17) Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. (18) Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the LORD said, "I will wait until you return." (19) Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak.
(20) The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. (21) With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared.
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• God Will Confirm Our Call with:
  — His Word  —— His Spirit  —— A Sign

• God Responds To Both Offerings And Prayers That Are Made To Him

• God Used the Offering Given as a Sacrifice to Confirm to Gideon that He was able to Do what He Promised to Do
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• Gideon's Reaction To The Angel Of The Lord =
  He Was Gripped By Fear Not By Faith

• Gideon Was Afraid Of The Presence and “Awesomeness” Of The Lord
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• Judg 6:22 (NIV) When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!" (23) But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." (24) So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
GOD'S ANSWER FOR FEAR

1. We Will Live In Our Fear -- Until We Allow God To Remove It

• We Will Live With What We Fear Until We Ask God To Intervene
GOD'S ANSWER FOR FEAR

- People In Fear Lose Their Effectiveness For The Kingdom Of God – Fear Paralyzes!

- Satan Wants To Keep You Living In Fear So That It Becomes A Way Of Life For You

- The Enemy Wants To Devour You

The Lord Wants To Empower You
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2. When Gideon Realized Who He Was In God
   -- It Changed Him Forever
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• **IN HIM:**
  – We Are Adopted Into The Family Of God
  – We Are Saved
  – We Are Justified
  – We Have A Reason For Living
  – We Have Hope
  – We Have Life
  – We Have Liberty
  – We Are Fearfully And Wonderfully Made
  – **In Him We Have No Reason To Fear!!**
GOD'S ANSWER FOR FEAR

• You Will Never Conquer Fear In Your Life Until You Know And Accept Who You Are In God

• Faith Is Only True Faith If There Is Something Of Reality Which Backs It Up

• When We Abandon Ourselves To The Will Of Our Loving Father – Fear No Longer Has The Power To Set The Agenda In Our Lives
3. It Is God Who Speaks Peace To Your Heart

- (23) But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." (24) So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace.
- True Peace Can Be Found Only In The Lord God Almighty
- Don't Accept Counterfeits They Will Not Conquer Your Fears
GOD'S ANSWER FOR FEAR

• True Lasting Peace Can Only Be Found In A Relationship With God Through Christ

• True Peace That Lasts Must Be Founded On A Relationship With The Living God
GOD'S ANSWER FOR FEAR

- Any Peace That The World Offers Is Meaningless And Powerless Compared To The Peace Of God

- True – Lasting --Peace Is Only Found In God Thru The Gift Of His Son – Jesus Christ