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a welcome brethren to judges chapter 6 we just seem to be having a little bit of difficulty here just kidding the broadcast to perform corporal a just give me a moment here and hopefully this will clear up yes I think it will now there we go so brethren welcome to Wednesday night Bible study well judges chapter six and we're not going to cover the entire chapter this evening this is the story of Gideon and he spends several chapters so we'll go through this this important this portion of Israel's history over the next week a couple of weeks to three weeks and this evening I'm gonna cover the first twenty twenty-five verses or so and then we'll come back to the Q&A that we started last week so again if you have any questions as we have been going through the book of Judges now's your opportunity to ask them and also we want to just go back to and finish off a question that came to us through slack and a pastor Murray will be joining me at the end of the study so that we can do the live Q&A

let's open with the word of Prayer and then we can get into judges chapter six at least part a for this evening let's begin with prayer father we pause before our study we are ever so grateful to your father that of all the people on the planet we are among the few that have a heart for your word to most people on the planet father you know they see your word is foolishness and they they despise it but you have called us father and you've put in our hearts a love for you and a love for Jesus Christ

and a love for your word and as we are counting now towards Pentecost we are ever so grateful to you Father for your Holy Spirit and the understanding that it brings to us

thank you Lord and as we seek to digest your word we ask for your blessing your blessing on our study or your blessing father on our underst

and a deepening of our faith and conviction we praise you Lord and we ask for these mercies in Jesus Most Holy Name Amen

so brethren we are up to judges chapter six and you know the Word of God God does hold nothing back and particularly the book of Judges I can't apologize for the word of God so as we go through the book of Judges God is very very blunt or I should say the author here of judges which we believe to be Samuel preparing Saul for his reign as king he's very very blunt

he doesn't hold anything back and I think the question that we need to ask ourselves as we go through this book it is not so much to look down upon the children of Israel but rather to evaluate ourselves and to ask ourselves are we any better you know we're all human and humans haven't changed even the evolutionists these people who believe in evolution they themselves will say that human beings are fundamentally the same and they'll go back to the seed or twenty five thousand years human beings are fundamentally the same and then they'll just do a little proviso and they'll say something like you know millions of years ago human beings were different but we've evolved but for the last twenty five thousand years there really has been no change so they're acknowledging human beings are

the same and if we lived in the time of the judges how would we behave so we're fundamentally the same yes we have the Holy Spirit and as we strive and wrestle with the Holy Spirit God gives us more and we praise and count towards Pentecost that it will give us yet even more and that does transform us but we are still battling with our human nature so as we read judges it's a it's an opportunity for us to be very partial I say Frank with ourselves individually and collectively and how are we doing as a church so let's continue now we last time we were in judges 5 you know judges 4 was the great victory of Deborah and Barak and yeah overcoming the enemies of Israel and there was a big celebration then five with the song of Deborah and now we come to judges chapter 6 so they have 40 years after the Bora of peace and what's the same adversity makes men but affluence makes monsters and we certainly in the West have had a long period of affluence and unfortunately it has made monsters you know how do we suffer more like our forefathers maybe we would have more backbone and more character so again let's evaluate ourselves as we go through this judges chapter 6 and verse 1 and the children of Israel what did they do they did evil evil in whose sight in the sight of the Lord in their own eyes they did what was right every man did what was right so there if we were to even if we could you know take our cameras back thousands of years ago and stop these guys in the street and say you know I just want to get your opinion on a few matters and then eventually ask them and so how would you evaluate Israel they would say you know we're doing a pretty good job

we're doing a pretty good job and if I were to stop the average church member today and say you know how would you evaluate the church you know we're doing a pretty good job but that doesn't matter what matters is how does God see us what is his evaluation of the church and the way that God evaluates us is with his work so we have to see how well do we conform how well do we comply with the Word of God

the Israel did not and we're gonna see that you know they live they comply when it's in their interest and they think what they want God to save them but once they have prosperity they go sideways so the children of Israel did evil God God holds nothing back they did evil in the sight of the Lord and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian 7 years you know pastor Murray gave a great sermon on Sabbath and he in that in that in actually taught us you know why we must fast and he went through numerous examples in the scripture so thorough and comprehensive showing us all these examples of fasting in the Bible but in that message he posed the question is this pandemic from the hand of God and afterwards in our after sermon discussion where we as a congregation just help each other digest the message that we heard we were asking each other is this from the hand of God is the corona virus pandemic from the hand of God and you know we went back and forth and I think in the end we mostly ended on we believe that it is and and it's not so much the pandemic as the economic fallout from the pandemic that that is going to be far more crushing and far more devastating than the actual pandemic itself so or the actual virus so I want you to see as we read here in

judges 6 some of the parallels between
the time of Gideon and our time today so
he says here
that
he delivered them into the hand of Midian
delivered them into the hand of Midian
for seven years it could have been for
six years what could have been for eight
years what could have been for 18 years
the timetable was completely in the
control of God and he set the timetable
of seven years now during those seven
years Israel would be asking themselves
you know why is this happening and
certainly God couldn't be behind this
because God is for us but we now can
read this and see no God God did this
yes it's the Midianites crushing them
but it's God who delivered them remember
all these nations are more powerful than
Israel that's that's no news because God
told them going in you're the weakest of
the nations and you're going into nation
you're going among nations that are far
mightier than you but I will deliver
them into your hand so the fact that
these nations are mightier than Israel
this is not an issue it's the fact that
they had abandoned God and God delivered
them into their hands he says then and
the hand of Midian prevailed against
Israel they had the upper hand God gave
that to them and so today if we see our
enemies having the upper hand we can ask
the question is God giving them the
upper hand because unlike the ancient
Israel where they were the weakest of
Nations today the Israelite nations are
the most powerful the most prosperous
and yet their enemies are prevailing our
enemies are prevailing over us and the
hand of Midian prevailed against Israel
and because of the Midianites the
children made them dens which are in the

mountains and caves and strongholds so you know this is quite fascinating in other words Israel was under house arrest and so we've got to ask ourselves the question how is it going for us we're under house arrest you can't go above freely you can't move about freely because of this virus which was you know from our enemy the Communist China lead from their love in Wuhan knowingly they knew this virus was out out there and they said nothing they withheld information and now the whole world is suffering and now we can't operate fully we're in this lockdown well Israel was no different and it was from the hand of God why they were in this economic lockdown so they were in mountains they were in caves and they were in strongholds they found positions where they could hold off the enemy they could see the enemy coming and be able to survive and so it was when Israel had sown so their planter that's an agrarian society and so when they had sown and they're waiting now for the harvest that the Midianites came up and the Amalekites and the children of East and I'll just footnote all of these nations today are Islamic nations they could have been Christian many of them were Christian nations but Satan worked to the Genda and forcefully converted them over to Islam and so Islam has a hatred for Judah and Israel and so these same nations today that the same DNA this descendants are against Israel and Judah today everything's coming full circle and so the Midianites came up in the Amalekites and the children of the east even they came up against Israel and they encamped against them and what did they do and they destroyed the

increase of the earth this was an economic strike and and what we know it's a strike to the economy and what we know is it's from the hand of God so this pandemic which is a virus which is a health concern the real impact of it is economic and so a lot of people are going to suffer severely from the economic impact of this pandemic and the reaction or that the reaction to the pandemic and so this is where we are and so they encounter against them and destroyed the increase of the earth until you come up unto gasa so this was thorough and they left no sustenance for Israel neither sheep nor ox nor donkey so these are just human beings visit us human characters the real enemy is Satan and Satan is not particularly creative in fact he's the opposite of creative he's destructive but he's effective and once he has techniques that work he continues to use them and so this is an economic strike and it is a strike of hatred it is ensuring that Israel has no place to go

look at this news item here which is just make sure I have the right one hold up this one is from the Guardian and notice this that millions of US farm animals are to be culled by suffocation drowning and shooting closure of meat plants due to coronavirus means depopulation of hens and pigs with methods experts say are inhumane despite unprecedented demand at food banks so the article goes on to say that there is more demand for this food than ever people are impoverished and that while the increase in demand is there all of these animals are being destroyed because of coronavirus that their detect some infection or presence of the virus

in a meat plant and so everything has to be destroyed it's a different means it's a different mechanism it's the same devil it's the same Satan and in terms of the economic lock down listen to a couple of you know so the whole idea here of Satan is to bring down the economy and God allows it so this economic downturn potentially global collapse and the suffering that comes from it can we not see that very well could be from the hand of God as it wasn't the time of judges so it is today though the whole thing has become full circle now the people who are passing these policies the people who are passing legislation do they have the best interests of their people in mind or do they have some other agenda as an example because we know that socialism is creeping into the West and the young people today they have no idea how demonic how evil how deranged and destructive socialism is they think it's a good thing they think free things are wonderful so as these governments are handing themselves over to to socialism I want you to listen as an example of the mayor of Chicago mayor Lightfoot and listen to what she has to say and just think about the enemies of Israel gaining the upper hand and the deputies they're pledging allegiance to the New World Order and good governance but it's going to be a different kind of deal because it's got to be a deal that respects the values that in the New World Order regarding local policing and you pick the people who run those agencies and the deputies they're pledging allegiance to the New World Order and good governance I don't know if you caught all of that but

they're saying they're putting people in offices of government to run these institutions after they have pledged allegiance to the New World Order and so they're willing to negotiate deals and put legislation in place but they do that after they put their socialists and their Marxists in place now as that's happening what we're seeing is this crackdown on the average citizen so we're all in this lockdown not unlike Israel hiding in caves and now we're being pushed into our caves they ripped apart his son kicking and screaming held back by two officers three was fined for breaching social distancing and arrested for not giving police their name they ripped apart this son kicking and screaming held back by two officers

you'll see people

can you stand up please please do this I beg give you one last time again Hatcher stand up on your own to resist all of this heavy-handed government a judge so they basically burst into its home and they're forcing him out so please do this I beg of you one last time

and if you go on the couple's website so I thought mental health they they're their day their mental health is questioned and I went on their site and they're pretty intelligent people but they're very very concerned about the Marxist infiltration in the Western world and so they have taken a pretty strong stance without caring about the consequences because of their Christian faith and a judge can just issue an order and say I think you have mental problems and mental health problems and now the police are saying I mean they were challenging the police if you

listen to the whole video just seem like where's your conscience you know you are you doing this just for money you know just following orders and they go back and forth with the police and it's quite an intelligent conversation but the judge says I think you have mental health issues and so you can see the day where anybody who disagrees with the government because of their Christian values that somebody in power can just say I think you have mental health issues and they can come into our home in fact the World Health Organization has already said that that if they suspect that somebody in a home has the corona virus that they have to go in and with dignity remove that person from the home so your child they suspect your child or your spouse or your parent who lives with you that you want to take care of that you love they suspect this person that's coronavirus will beat down the door and remove that person and you will have no rights this is not unlike the situation that is in judges where Israel is losing their freedoms and it was from the hand of God so they went after the economy and they destroyed the livestock I would seem that today there's record demand for food and animals are being called now all of this is according to the covenant so in Deuteronomy 28 let's remind ourselves of the Covenant that God says if you if you break the Covenant here's one of the consequences a nation of fierce countenance which shall not regard the person of the old nor show favor to the young they'll be ruthless and he shall eat the fruit of your cattle and the fruit of your land until you are destroyed this is from God this is an economic strike from God and Mary

asked the question when we fast are we just fasting so that the people who are hurt by the virus and by the economic turndown or downturn are you know that we just faster that they get relief or do we fast according to God's will then maybe this is God's will to drive people to repentance and what we need to do is preach repentance and so God's people their sins and so the fruit of the land until you be destroyed that was that's the agenda the economic collapse is for the destruction of Israel which also shall not leave you either corn wine or oil or the increase of your cattle or flocks of your sheep until he has destroyed you and he shall besiege you in all your gates you'll be under house arrest

you'll be pushed back until you're high and fenced walls come down where you trusted so you know today the Western world is trusted in their wealth and their abundance throughout all your land and he shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land which the Lord your God has given you so God gave them this land and they didn't obey Him they in fact they broke the covenant so God is bound by the Covenant to bring these curses

back to judges four they came up this is the Midianites and the people of the east and the Amalekites four they came up with their cattle and their tents they're like making a thorough job of this there they're gonna camp out and they don't need to you know rush back home because everything is with them they're coming and they're they're serious they came up with their capital in their tents and they came as grasshoppers like locusts for multitude now what we know about locusts is

they are devastating take a look at this
researchers say they pose an
unprecedented threat to food security in
some of the world's most vulnerable
countries they eat and destroy
everything on their way one swarm
measured 60 kilometers long and 40
kilometers wide hundreds of thousands of
acres of crops destroyed and they just
go and they just ravish everything and
the text says that they came like these
locusts they just strip the land bare
they came like glucose for multitude for
both they and their camels were without
number and they entered into the land
why could they enter into the land what
was their objective to destroy it and
you know to this day these peoples they
are not they don't happen an ideology
that is productive they don't have an
ideology with a work ethic they don't
have an idea ideology that supports
entrepreneurialism and creation they
have an ideology that's exactly the same
that that's seen this is their these are
their ancestors and all Muhammad did was
come along and take all of the practices
and package them up and put a bow bow on
it and called it Islam and so the people
continued to do all the things they used
to raid caravans all the time and he
just authorized it under religion and so
they don't Biddle create they plunder
steal and destroy and so they came and
they entered into the land to destroy it
and what was the result and Israel was
greatly impoverished we have a record
number
employment we have record number of
people on food stamps looking for a food
bank handouts Israel was greatly
impoverished because of the Midianites
and so anybody any intelligent person
here would say well it's the Midianites

but because we had the first one we know that the Midianites oh yes there are more powerful nation but we know the Midianites could do nothing without God permitting it and so it was God who was enabling the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east to do all of this and the result was Israel being not impoverished but greatly impoverished so you know what's happening to us today it really we have to see it it's by God's permission it's impossible to happen without God permitting it and so Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites and what happened now the children of Israel cried unto the Lord so now you know it's like finally they kind of realize you know what maybe if we go to God this has been happening for a while what did the scriptures say 7 years so towards the end of 7 years now it finally dawns on them maybe we should call out to God and so they finally cry out to the Lord it's like lad the last resort okay let's try God and it came to pass when the children of Israel you might say finally cried unto the Lord because of the Midianites what what was God's response how did God respond to Israel that's again you know pastor Murray kind of nudged us to think about you know why are we fasting and what is the result that we want from our fast and it does we want God to conform to our will or do we need to conform to God do we fast so that we can know God's will and conformed to it and so how did God respond today they they maybe they fasted I think they would have but they went to God and they appeal to God and then God finally answered and what was his answer verse 8 that when they cried

to the Lord that the Lord sent a prophet unto the children of Israel wonderful so he sends a prophet unto them which said unto them thus says the Lord God of Israel so now God is going to speak to them I brought you up from the land of Egypt so God did that I brought you up from the land of Egypt and brought you forth out of the house of bondage so you were slaves and I brought you out of that slavery against the most powerful Empire in the world to that time and I made you a nation from slaves and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all that oppress oppressed you and drove them out from before you and gave you their land so the way the people of Israel came into this land in the first place his complete dependence upon God against the most powerful empire in the world and so they should not fear the people of the land because they were established through the conquest of the most powerful Empire of the time and the same way we read here thousands of years ago how God delivered them from the Egyptians and a Baal who oppressed them you know we could say the exact same thing today we came through two world wars and world war two was phenomenal it was just just the other day in fact we still have some veterans alive today who served in World War two and and we we were supposed to have this day of remembrance that you know lest we forget we should never forget these people fought for our freedom and now what are we doing with this freedom how are we utilizing this freedom we are we have completely forgotten the sacrifice and and it was impossible for the Allied forces to win without the help of God I think anybody

who studies history has to say God definitely intervened and saved the Western world and many many people lost their lives so that we could have this freedom and did we remember did we care and God would say to us the same way he said to ancient Israel I delivered you out of the hand of all that oppressed you and I drove them out from before you and I gave you their land and we go we had all the strongholds all over the world and I said unto you I am the Lord your God do not fear the gods of the Amorite in whose land you dwell but you have not obeyed my voice so God wants them to know this economic suffering this pain you're watching people starve to death you're watching maybe cannibalism among Israel it's so severe you're seeing your neighbor your your your enemies prevail over you I want to remind you that we are in a covenant agreement and you broke it you have not obeyed my voice and there came an angel of the Lord and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah so we saw Deborah she was under a palm tree and was sort of the palm tree and everybody knew where to find her well here now we have an oak tree which is in Ophrah that pertained unto Joash the Abiezerite right so it appears that this was a significant tree and Joash was a significant person despite the economic collapse and it's son Gideon thresh wheat by the winepress to hide it from the Midianites so this is how we're introduced to Gideon he's Thresh and wheat okay in a time when food is scarce when the enemies of Israel are trying to destroy Israel through economic collapse they're attacking the food source and Gideon is quite resourceful and he shows an ingenuity here where

he's able to continue to thresh wheat and and make bread but he's using a winepress instead of a proper system for separating the chaff from the wheat because he can't do that openly he can't use the wind and and do that openly that the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east will see that and they'll attack so he finds a way to do this secretly using a winepress and you know the indication here as well is it's gonna be a lot more work for him but he's resourceful he's industrious and he's feeding his family and he's able to do this and stand hide it from the Midianite so no matter what happens there's always a way there's always the resistance to whatever heavy-handed government israel might face and and gideon is demonstrating here a winning attitude you know yeah it's a like to think of it he's a businessman who wants to win and constantly you know he might go bankrupt but he figures out a way to win he figures out a way to come back and win and god sees that in this man and he hears the cry of israel and he has a love relationship with israel so israel is horrible to him but he's in covenant with israel and so he's going to save israel through this man flaws notwithstanding and the angel of the Lord appeared unto him and said unto Him the Lord is with you you mighty man of Valor you business man who knows how to win you business man when everybody else is saying oh what can we do oh well you figure out a way I can use that and so the Lord is with you you then we're gonna see Gideon is a spiritual imbecile Gideon has no clue spiritual but he has a character and an ingenuity and creative and resourceful 'no sand entrepreneurialism that god is like okay

i can use that and so the lord is with
him this spiritual imbecile the Lord is
with you you mighty man of Valor
and Gideon said unto Him all my lord
here comes the the the insanity here
comes our ad

Gideon's spiritual IQ which is extremely
low as it was I suppose with all Israel
and Gideon said unto Him o my lord
it's the Lord be with us why then is all
this befallen us hello have you picked
up the scripture lately you know before
you came into the Promised Land do you
remember Deuteronomy why don't you pick
that up and read it and get a little bit
of spiritual insight and a bit of
spiritual brains what a stupid question
what a dumb question how dare you ask
the Lord this question are you accusing
God of being cruel are you accusing God
of being unfaithful are you an imbecile
oh my lord if the Lord be with us why
then is all this befallen us so God is
going to take a spiritual imbecile and
through that imbecile he's going to save
Israel and where are all his miracles
which our fathers told of us told us of
saying didn't the Lord bring us up from
Egypt ah he just condemned himself so
it's not that he doesn't know their
fathers told them that God brought them
up from the land of Egypt but they
thought they were special and they could
do whatever they want they didn't
realize that they're a covenant
agreement here it's not that dear dear
special it's that you're useful then God
has made you holy God has selected you
to be a computer of people for him and I
think in the church we suffer the same
thing somehow we think we're special
that God has chosen us why did God
choose us because we're special and we
forget that there's a obligation where

there are obligations that we have to
God didn't so they taught us so I I do
know this didn't the Lord bring us up
from Egypt but now ah whoa I have
difficulty even reading this
are you serious this is a spiritual
imbecile but now the Lord this is an
accusation but yahuveh
has forsaken us God is unfaithful we're
doing right we're good we're good people
we're Israel this is all God's fault but
now the Lord has forsaken us and
delivered us into the hands of the
Midianites and the Lord looked upon him
and said go in this your might you
spiritual imbecile because you have an
entrepreneurial nature because you have
strength and you have courage and you
have might I can actually use you so
we're gonna go we're gonna use your
talents and abilities your your
spiritual low IQ notwithstanding but
we're going to use what you have and
through that and through the human
system we're going to deliver Israel
going this your strength and you shall
save Israel from the hand of the
Midianites have not I sent you so god
works within the human systems no God
the angel of the Lord is on the earth
but he doesn't take over he works
through humans and through their ability
their natural abilities he's with them
and so there's this sort of miraculous
victory that comes when God chooses to
work with certain human beings and
hopefully Israel is grateful and they
don't just say oh well look he's got a
wart on his eye I saw his big toe and
and it had a mark on it he has flaws
this guy's a spiritual imbecile yes he
has flaws but he has something that God
can actually work with because he loves
Israel and he doesn't want to see Israel

continue to suffer
haven't I sent you and he said unto Him
o my Lord with what shall I save in
Israel like
like how am I gonna save Israel and and
you know all these judges as they save
Israel it's always something very
creative
it's always something creative it's the
only thing they don't have the normal
access to weapons and military and so
there's always some creative way and we
just saw you know with yeah there was a
tentative to attempt a piece of tent peg
that's holding up the tent that's what
she used and he said unto Him oh my lord
with what shall I save Israel behold my
family is poor in Manasseh and that may
not have been the case before but
suddenly there was an economic downturn
and they're suffering they're in poverty
now and so it could be a prominent
family but they are they're in poverty
in Manasseh and I I'm the least in my
father's house he's probably the
youngest child so you know we're poor
family now and I'm the youngest child
how's this gonna work and the Lord said
unto Him surely I will be with you and
we should have some level of discernment
when when there are miracles involved
again I spoke of World War two anybody
who studies that the history has to
acknowledge God was involved and the
Lord said unto him surely I will be with
you and you you know you look at what
Winston Churchill was able to accomplish
I think we have to acknowledge I don't
know like I'd like to hear the argument
against the God was involved otherwise
we'd all be speaking German or Arabic
and the Lord said unto him surely I will
be with you and you shall smite the
Midianites as one man and he said unto

him if now I have found grace in your sight then show me a sign that you talk with me so he's not quite a hundred percent sure certain and you know this is a significant task these this is some powerful forces are these are some powerful forces that he's going to be up against and so he's looking for some level of reassurance from God show me a sign that you talk with me do not leave here I'm begging you until I come back to you and I bring forth my present my offering and I said it before you and he said I will wait until you come again and so Gideon's gonna go and prepare an offering and the angels gonna wait for him and Gideon went in and made ready of goats and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flowers that's quite a bit and I think that demonstrates something so this is again he was needing this flower using a winepress as a lot of effort to create these cakes and now he's willing to present it as an offering the flesh he put in a basket and so I think he has a sense that he is in the presence of something significant here and so he's willing to put forth a significant offering the flesh he put in a time of poverty the flesh he put in a basket and he put the broth in a pot and he brought it out unto Him under the oak and presented it and the angel of God said unto Him take the flesh and the unleavened bread and lay them upon this rock and pour out the broth and he did so then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes and there rose up fire out of the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes in other words his offering was accepted remember Cain he put forth his offering that was not

accepted Abel's offering was accepted well here and probably with Abel there was some consumption of the offering by fire to show that God had accepted it but here clearly and Gideon's offering was accepted God God consumed it with fire then the angel of the Lord departed out of his sight so there it is and when Gideon perceived that it was in fact the angel of the Lord Gideon said alas o Lord God for because I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face so the angel of the Lord was on the earth and Gideon communicated with him face-to-face but the angel of the Lord didn't destroy the enemy he worked through the human systems and he works through Gideon and so Gideon is now concerned that he has been face to face with the angel of the Lord and the Lord said unto him peace be unto you fear not you shall not die and every time that these powerful angels interact with human beings they always always as soon as they with human beings with the servants of God with God's people they always preceded with peace that do not be frightened and so you know the Islamists would want us to believe that Mohammed interacted with Gabriel and when he interacted with the Gabriel the text says that he was so terrified that you know he what he wanted to commit suicide he was so terrified and and that angel or he thought it was an angel that interacted with him he they said the veins in his neck were bursting he was so full of terror and and he wanted to commit suicide and the angel grappled with him and forced him and he thought he was going to die and that was his interaction with this otherworldly force there was no offering of peace there was no gentleness it was like a spiritual

rape and he was terrified the angels of
God do not interact with the servants of
God this way not only that this this
Gabriel that he thought he interacted
with had the specific agenda of
destroying completely the tribe of juda
to completely wipe out the tribe of juda
so that not a man would be left
Gabriel every time he appears it is to
fulfil into advance God's plan
for Judah and ultimately for all Israel
and so the angel of the Lord will never
act against the Word of God
whereas this Gabriel character or so
call it gibreel violates completely
everything in the Word of God and
violates completely the covenant that
God is in with Israel so when this angel
of the Lord appears peace peace be unto
you do not fear and every time we see
the Angels appear and interact with man
this is the interaction that we see you
shall not die then Gideon built an altar
there unto the Lord and called it your
hova Shalom the peace of Jehovah unto
this day it is yet in Oprah of the
abbey's rights and it came to pass the
same night that the Lord said unto him
take your father's young Bullock even
the second Bullock of seven years old
and throw down the altar of Baal that
your father has and cut down the growth
that is by it so this is beginning now
the conquest of the Midianites and the
Amalekites and the people of the east
through getting in and notice it begins
with the ideology cutting down the
worship of Baal so we're gonna stop
there for this evening and what we will
do now is have some Q&A with with pastor
Murray so let me get pastor Murray on
the line here and give me a second
pastor Murray are you there
I'm very good how about you very very

good good and maybe while we're talking we'll just get confirmation from the Brethren that they can actually hear you loudly and clearly so if we can just get to concur just go ahead and keep talking while we wait for confirmation as we talk I just would like to point out that sunset falls today we come to the fortieth day of the count and that is a very significant 40 days was my price to send it to the fondant to a waved word how many ever thousands of years or hundreds of years later that you will return it so very significant day in the count in Christ spent 40 days with us with with his disciples future possible beautiful that's awesome and thanks so much for doing that count Marie every day in slack that just keeps us mindful I know in the past brethren have even shared with me and I it's been my experience decades ago when I first came into the church there was no connection between Pentecost and the days of unleavened bread just drive observe the days of unleavened bread I was very happy to do that and then all of a sudden it was Pentecost and then I observed Pentecost and didn't understand at all the feast of weeks and the count to Pentecost so really appreciate what you're doing there yeah so there they can hear everything's going well in fact going back to that comment that you just made because I grew up in the worldwide organization the day of Pentecost was synonymous with the feast of weeks Wow yes which anything yeah it would be like saying the last great day is the Feast of summer exactly that's exactly what it would be like very very good yeah so I don't know if you wanted to comment at all on judges six before we go into the

Q&A yeah certainly is they starting to get into the the meat of the book of Judges and certainly interesting how these men developed no Hebrews does speak of Gideon as being a mad pillar of faith but clearly not in the early not in the early onset for sure that's right and very interesting to see his development starting and also what is oh go ahead no yeah well so what I found interesting was you know I refer to him as a spiritual imbecile starting out as many of us were and yet God still chose him that of all Israel there was something in him that God could work with and I think that we're not looking for perfection from God's servants we're we're looking for certain abilities and one of which has to be courage that God can work with absolutely we think of the Apostle Paul there's no way if you applied for the job of the Apostle Paul with just Saul's resume no way he would have been taken except that got us on the inside that's right that's right I think God will take us where we are and then build us up yeah yeah anyway really appreciated that so studying appreciating going through the book of Judges and also appreciate your your sermon on Sabbath I thought that was excellent and just really helping us understand why we why we fast that was very thorough so yeah do hope everyone had a if you did choose to participate in the fast or fast like well and that we are all about looking for our fathers well we're sure that no maybe before we get to and brethren is you have questions please CGI church online org go ahead and type your question in there but I wanted to start customer if you don't mind and revisit where we left off last

week I listened to the the replay the archive of the study and I actually said something incorrect and I want to just correct that and then you know you might have I know you want to say some further things on this and it was the question that our sister Laurie raised around the the rabbi that was teaching that leaven his doctrine and you know there's good leaven and there's bad eleven that's why it started off by saying you know I don't know you and I listened to it I just caught him but that's not what Christ said and so I would i braided him for that to say no Christ did not say love in his doctrine and I shouldn't have said that I should have when my mind was elsewhere I was setting up the technology and I'd been awhile since I listened to the rabbi so I should have been more specific that the rabbi said that Christ said that leaven is doctrine when I heard that I thought Christ never said that he said that eleven was false doctrine eleven was the doctrine of the Pharisees and nowhere in the scriptures will you find leavens where will you find Christ saying that leaven is good doctrine and so I should have been more specific but my as I said I hadn't listened to it recently and I and I said doctrine when I should have said nowhere in the Bible and then there was a false teaching of the rabbi to say that Christ said that eleven doctrine good doctrine it never referred to as Leben in the bible so i just wanted to clarify that pastor Murray and I know that you wanted to make some comments as well yeah we did have some follow-up comments and questions that came to us regarding our interaction last week and I would like to start by

going to the scripture I used because the account that we that the rabbi referred to is referred to in Matthew Mark and Luke and interestingly enough all three accounts shed a different you use different wording and I used one and didn't use the other two so I want to go to all three so we can sort of bring them all together we'll start a live one in Luke 12 sorry verses 1 & 2 which is where I started last week in the meantime when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people in so much that they Trod one upon another he began to say unto his disciples first of all beware are you of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy and that's that's what I had used in Vietnam to talk about how 11 when we go to first Corinthians 5 which we'll touch on here in a few minutes is a puffiness that Paul later describes his arrogance and pride that hypocrisy fits into that what we didn't do is go to Matthews account which we're going to do now which is in Matthew 16 so Luke says is the leaven of the Pharisees is hypocrisy Matthew's account in Matthew 16 we'll pick it up in verse 11 so Matthew 16 verse 11 quoting Christ Matthew says how is it then you do not understand that I spoke it not to you concerning bread you should be aware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees and then Matthew's commentary in verse 12 then they understood how that he made them not beware of the leaven of bread but of the doctrine of Pharisees and of the Sadducees so save account Matthew in his commentary in not putting price commentary points out that as they develop this understanding they figured out that when he was really talking

about this false doctrine of the Pharisees but how does that match up with what Luke says would cause a harbor seal

the false doctrine at all let's go to mark PE and look at marks account which is even more interesting Mark's account of the same story definitely appreciate those who wrote in and asked for and brought this up so clarify this mark 8 verse 14 now the disciples have forgotten to take bread neither have they in the ship with them more than one loaf and he turns them saying take heed beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and give 11 of Herod so touched even he didn't he didn't there's no comments here we'll drop down to verse 21 just to finish up the story and he said to them how is it that you don't understand so again same same text but very limited and in how mark presents it so what how can all three be right well how could Luke and Matthew be right that leaven is hypocrisy leaven of the Pharisees Apocrypha and it is also as masculine so the doctrine the doctrine of the Pharisees let's go to mark 7 and as you turn there

you'll notice that mark notice that the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod what he's pointing out there and I think this is how we can bring these two together is that he's referring to the leadership of the time now the Pharisees were the spiritual leaders and they were tasked with guiding the guiding Israel spiritually the seven keeping that in mind mark seven verse 5 then the Pharisees in francs asked him why walk not your disciples according to the tradition of the elders but eat bread with unwashed hands so we're starting to see here is

not talking about the scriptures he's talking about the tradition of the elders so they're taking them to task because they're not following their traditions he answered and said unto them well as Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites so again here's the creek partner so he's bringing that in as it is written these people honor me with their lips

but their heart is far from me howbeit in vain do they worship Me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men so we've got hypocrisy and the commandments of men brought together here by mark by Christ for letting aside the commandment of God you hold the tradition of men as the washing of pots and cups and many other such things well and many other such like things you do and he said unto them full well you reject the commandment of God that you may keep your own tradition

what is more what is any more hypocritical then someone can vain as a spiritual teacher teachings that are absolutely not of God mm-hmm they were tasked by God to protect and protect the flock and to provide his teachings and they absolutely rejected God's teachings and held them to a different standard there's nothing more hypocritical than teaching doctrines of men so that's how we can when when they were talking about here the the leaven of the Pharisees and as mark points out the leaven of Herod that mean that we can have a loose account be correct that it is hypocrisy and Matthews account also be correct that it is bad doctrine so just wanted to clarify that because absolutely the leaven of the Pharisees is false doctrine but it does come from a hypocritical line 11 and then you go

to the first print teens 5 you know we don't need to turn there but verses 6 through 8 we see the puffiness that is that is linked to there in fact you know let's just let's just go there take a few minutes we do have one question so far ok get to but we'll just finish up here and first sprinkly in spies and we see the the the evidence and truth kind of come into play here and bring this all together

frisk routines 5 or 6 your glorying is not good no you've not that a little leaven leavens the whole lump purge out therefore the old leaven that he may be a new lump as you are unleavened for even Christ our Castle or sacrificed for us therefore let us keep the feast not with old leaven neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth so that's where truth which is battery docks or absolutely true is true doctrine is that in fact their complete opposite of lie exactly and is the the absence of examples 11 is true you think of those comments ya know a really appreciate I appreciate your comments last week and appreciate you rounding out this week as well that that's exceptional and the only other thing that I would add is in I think was Luke 12 when he warned of the the beware of the leaven of the Pharisees when I kept reading that chapter he then warns them not to deny him before men and I think if we are full of the leaven of the Pharisees then it's a sort of superficial righteousness that is not going to stand that the acid test you know when we're putting there and our lives are on the line if we're really empty inside we're going to betray him and so he's warning his

disciples because he knows what's coming and so he's looking at these hypocrites and he's warning his disciples don't be like that

you saw me feed the 5,000 take this seriously really as you said we rid yourself of leaven it's the removal of 11 so that you can have that truth and commentary actually we can link that right back to the study you just did where Gideon in his in his very early stage knew that God had brought them out of Israel but in the same sense thought that God hold them right comfy can write stays deep so right there's a third stuff there's none dollars that absent of understanding and how he can have you right off off-track very good I don't put you on the spot pastor Murray but pastor Rama con gave a sermon some years ago and he made the position his premise was nowhere in the Bible his leaven ever referred to as some form of righteousness and so he went to the passage the parable of the woman hiding three measures of leaven which an enemy had do you know do you know that passage and I know I know what passage I wouldn't be prepared to to make a comment on it right now I'd have to maybe we can take that up next week or find the sermon and that Pastor Rama Kahn I did talk about that but I do I do remember yeah I know it's in Luke it's in Luke 13 it just says the kingdom of God is like leaven and I think it's in Matthew as well which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened and so I just I think his notion was like we normally think oh this is the kingdom of God and you know the little bit of leaven grows and the kingdom becomes bigger where he brought this insight to say no leaven is

always wickedness it's always us
unrighteousness and so there's a false
woman that it's hiding the leaven in the
meal and so the leaven is among us it's
being implanted in the church until the
whole church is leaven and Christ says
many will betray in the end time and so
the whole church gets infected by this
leaven and then as we read on then you
know in fact sorry just verse 23 so Luke
13 verse 21 says that this woman this
the kingdom of God is like leaven which
a woman took and hid in three measures
of meal till the whole thing was
leavened and then he went through the
cities and villages teaching and
journeying towards Jerusalem and so this
lesson is still in the disciples Minds
and they understood it so in verse 23
they asked then said one to him Lord are
there few then that be saved and he said
unto them strive to enter in at the
strait gate for many I say unto you will
seek to enter it and shall not be able
so this sort of supports what you were
saying in in first Corinthians as well
so it's very clear here that we have to
guard against leaven there's never a
tongue we think of leaven as a positive
thing it's the unleavened that's
positive as you rightly pointed out
right not
yeah yeah yeah this is my thank you
phone to my deserve
I remember it was several years ago to
one yeah it certainly presents the the
correct angle H very very good so you
think we did have a question yes so it's
from sister JD Gideon responded to the
Lord in in the same way as Moses he
asked for a sign
is it wrong to ask for a sign or should
we just exercise faith and what is your
comment on that I I think that in I

actually thought the same thing actually
when you were going through that what
Moses did the same thing I would say
that I think there's it's not
necessarily a case of being right and
wrong as being immature and mature and
you know what quite frankly Moses was a
little bit immature done as well I mean
he was he was scared and wanted to
wanted to know how in his in his
terrible way of speaking that God was
going to go in and have him speak before
Pharaoh in a similar sort of way I see I
see this as immaturity that's not to
take it away from what you said what is
spiritual in Basildon that's for lack of
a better word but I'm getting there too
called called ever that he was blaming
God for their predicament I I think
that's not the same as in just sort of
week here that's right and just you know
what God throughout his interaction with
Israel was always proven who he was
because they needed to know there was so
many dots there that the Egyptians
worshiped that God wanted to show that
he was he got on all of those things
what this I am the God I am I am the
Organa
I'm your piece I am your your Lord of
Hosts so for me it's it's more a sense
of being wrong but more yeah I like that
distinction you put between you know
it's a matter of maturity and immaturity
versus right and wrong and I think just
with respect to Gideon mighty man of God
no doubt about it
but as we read the story so first of all
I was horrified when I was reading line
by line and saw him accusing God of
unfaithfulness and the Covenant is right
there so that just really took me aback
and then as we will read on maybe we
won't get there next week but perhaps

the week after
once Gideon is successful and he has
successfully defeated the enemies of
Israel he oppresses Israel and he begins
a dynasty that oppresses and Israel
actually asks for it so there's a
problem there and I think we have to be
always looking to God not to men you
know though the scripture says Kirsten
is the man that trust in man so God can
send these many saviors but there they
have a small s in that role of Savior
they are not V Savior and so they may
serve a function for a time but that
doesn't mean they will always be
faithful and they will always do right
we always have to be looking to God and
I think in terms of asking for a sign
you know Christ Himself said to the
disciple took to the the people then
when he was on earth a wicked and an
adulterous generation asks for a sign
and so to me that would cause me to
pause and say no I'm gonna take like
Abraham God spoke and Abraham said
that's good I'm taking that to the bank
and God counted that to him for
righteousness so if we have the Word of
God that's what we go by and I think it
can get a little bit dangerous maybe a
little bit esoteric to start looking for
signs and and interpreting signs and and
not anchoring ourselves on the Word of
God

the so a couple of comments here it's
not the wrong test for a cyan faith this
has strengthened with a sign Jesus did
it all the time useful to that no other
comments so far
well sorry lemon has always presented as
production mister pictures so a comma
mr. Liddy there they've increased with
us there and no other no other least on
the church on my don't go over to

youtube and see if there's any any questions their answer is not love maybe I'll just pop over to Facebook and see here Pharisees Christie Roman Roman Roman hey Kristy Pharisees were always self-righteous it seems that's for sure to the sin of self-righteousness eleven in the New Testament seems to always refer to self-righteousness and she agrees on the fast sermon so thanks very much

Christie there may have been comments before on Facebook but when it's broadcasting live we only I can only see the last five comments and so Christie thanks very much for your comments and Wes from the office has been not monitoring that you said there are none so that's it appreciate that was very great comment from sister Mary and there are times when we pray about a situation that we asked before our Heavenly Father to show us what he wants to do yeah I think that's right right but I think to insist on a sign that's getting into dangerous territory if we have the Word of God but certainly we get confirmations you know where we're praying for something we're looking for something and something will happen and it's like you know what I feel that that's it that's a validation or that's a confirmation I certainly haven't I'm sure you've had that pasta memory where you're thinking maybe you'll speak on something and then just one thing after another just as like okay clearly God wants me to speak on this yeah yeah very very good yeah so I think that there's nothing nothing else coming through so I appreciate everybody's participation and again following through and we definitely appreciate the questions and even the

follow-up questions it's good - it's
good to know everyone's a studying and
listening
we definitely appreciate the opportunity
to interact very very good and
appreciate everybody who joins us on the
weekly Sabbath service as well so again
this Sabbath at 2:30 Eastern 1:30
central 2:30 Eastern Time we will have
our Sabbath service and hopefully
brethren will be able to come back and
join us actually for that time okay
thanks so much for joining us this this
evening pastor maryam for helping out
with the Q&A i really appreciate your
insights and thank you brethren for
joining us and God be with you Jesus
Christ is Lord he is our king he's our
Savior we look forward to seeing you
again god bless good night