



Study 3: The failure of  
Gideon's house  
Judges 8:1 - 10:5

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# Comprehension Question

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1. Which of the following is FALSE?

- A. Ephraimites, Succoth and Peniel were showing Gideon a lack of respect
- B. Gideon's pride was hurt by the lack of respect
- C. Gideon's hurt pride and "loss of face" has been turned into violent rage
- D. Gideon's violent rage was justified because he is teaching them a lesson

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2. Which of the following is FALSE?

- A. For a man that idolizes financial success, “career failure” is the worst thing that can happen to him
- B. Career success will confirm a man that idolizes financial success that he can fulfill himself and control his own life, making him more a slave to success and money than if he failed
- C. God wanted no one to make an idol out of Gideon’s military brilliance and military power

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## 3. Which of the following is NOT an emotions result when we forget God's grace?

	We may become:	Instead, we must:
A.	Filled with anxiety. "If I slip up, if I make a wrong move here, I could lose everything."	"All the things I have are really gifts of grace. They aren't here because of my performance, but by God's generosity. He loves me enough to lose his only Son for me, surely he will continue to give me what I need. Console yourself"
B.	Filled with pride and anger. "I am not getting what I deserve! People are not treating me right! Who do they think they are?"	"All the things I have are really gifts of grace. I have never gotten what I deserve — and I never will! If God gave me what I deserved, I'd be dead. Humble yourself."
C.	Filled with guilt. "I have blown it! My problems mean he's abandoned me."	"All the things I have are the results of God's grace. I never earned them to begin with — so I couldn't have un-earned them. He accepted me long ago even though he knew I would do this. This was in my heart all along — I just didn't see it, but he did. He's with me now. Be confident, Self."
D.	Filled with wonder. "All the things I have — everyone — is a gift of grace. The very fact I am a Christian is a miracle.""	"Sure, I'm a Christian. Sure I have good things. So what?" Be bored and lethargic.

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4. Which of the following is FALSE?

- A. Gideon simply stored his hurt and anger until the accumulated weight of it became too much for him to hold back. So the reason for Gideon's increasingly violent temper is the power of accumulated bitterness.
- B. Gideon's ruthless, remarkable pursuit and brave attack had really been motivated by a desire for personal vengeance.
- C. Gideon was justified for behaving in a bloodthirsty and cruel manner
- D. Gideon had mighty battle abilities but there is something less than admirable at the heart of him. Beware the gifts of the Spirit without the fruit of the Spirit

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5. Which is FALSE about Gideon and kingship?

- A. Gideon rightly discerns the underlying motivation for kingship. The people want a king rather than to be ruled directly by God (v.23)
- B. The desire of Israelites to have a human king was really the desire to “wrest control” of their governance away from God
- C. Gideon’s action was consistent with his doctrine of God’s grace
- D. Gideon, in order to enhance the standing of his own house, makes his own copy of the tabernacle, a rival to God’s.

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6. Which of the following is FALSE?

- A. Gideon's failure story means that any good thing can become a "snare" to us
- B. Gideon's story is a very vivid warning for also for Christians who are not active in church and ministry.
- C. The worship of the priest's ephod is a way to tell us that very good things can be, in many ways, worse snares.
- D. You (Christians) can very easily "rest spiritually" in your service to God as the reason he should favor you and help you and bless you

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6. Which of the following is FALSE?

- A. Abimelech means “my father is king” — a very odd name, considering that Gideon turned down the kingship.
- B. The parable of the bramble bush (which often caught fire) means that evil always destroys itself,
- C. the ninth chapter of Judges is the bleakest in the whole book. The people have completely abandoned God. He is not even named in the narrative.
- D. **By right, Israel should not survive as a nation, God responds by sending 45 years of unpeaceful administration under Tola and Jair**