

seems to have had something of a victory. But look at how he did it. Can anybody support a ~~man~~ man who does the things that Gideon has done? Why that little group of three hundred men who went out there and they blew those trumpets, ~~and~~ they yelled, and if those Midianites had realized that it was just three hundred men there, do you think they would have fled? Do you think they would have gone the way they did? Why ~~at~~ they ~~would~~ wouldn't have done it? Gideon should have sent a messenger over to tell them. We have three hundred men here, and that's our figure. And we don't want you to be mistaken and think that we are a larger number. But look what Gideon's done. He had all these folks holler and yell, and try to make out that they are a much bigger crowd than they are. (laughter) How utterly wicked this man Gideon is. And then ~~we~~ see what happened to Gideon afterward. After the battle was all over, and the victory was won, the ~~people~~ people ~~said~~ said to Gideon, we'd like to do something for you. Gideon had a nice farm. Why didn't he go back to it? And after all, people probably would have thought of giving him a gift, but look at that greedy fellow. Gideon said, I would desire to request of you that you give me every man the earrings of his trade. And the ~~weight~~ weight of the golden earrings he requested was a thousand, seven hundred shekels of gold, besides ornaments and ...6 3/4... and ~~purple~~ purple rings. That was on the kings of Midian. Look at this fellow, all the stuff he's grabbing for himself. Do you think the Lord ever really spoke to him? A man that has a character like that? And when after he got all this, what did he do with it? He made an ephod and put it in his city, and all Israel ~~went~~ went thither a whoring after it, which things became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house. And is that all? Why Gideon, what an ~~example~~ example did he set to the people! He had seventy sons of his ....7 1/2.... for he had many wives, and he wasn't satisfied with these wives. His concubine which was in Shechem, she also bare him ~~a~~ a son whose name he called ~~Abimelech~~ Abimelech. Could God ever use a man like Gideon? And can you blame anybody for saying, We are not going to help this fellow Gideon. We are not going to have anything to do with him. A man that has this type