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**Text: Judges 6:25-40**

### **A TEST FOR GIDEON**

**Judges 6:25-27**

1. To tear down the altar of Baal **Judges 6:25**
2. To build an altar to the LORD God
  - a) Proper arrangement **Judges 6:26**
  - b) Burnt offering **Judges 6:26a**
  - c) Wood from Baal's altar **Judges 6:26b**
3. Gideon's fear
  - a) He took 10 men with him **Judges 6:27a**
  - b) He tore down Baal's altar at night **Judges 6:27b**
  - c) Fearful of his father's household and the men of the city **Judges 6:27c**

### **THE ANGER OF THE BAAL WORSHIPPERS**

**Judges 6:28-32**

1. Discovery of the destruction of the Altar of Baal **Judges 6:28**
2. Discovery that Gideon was the perpetrator **Judges 6:29**
3. Demand that Gideon be given the death penalty **Judges 6:30**
4. Defence of Joash, the father of Gideon **Judges 6:31**
5. Gideon called "Jerubaal" **Judges 6:32**

### **ENEMY ATTACK**

1. Attack launched **Judges 6:33**
  - a) Midianites
  - b) Amalekites
  - c) The people of the East
2. Spirit of the Lord **Judges 6:34**
  - a) He came upon Gideon

i) Anointing

ii) Strengthening

b) Gideon in action **Judges 6:34-35**

i) Sent messengers through all Manasseh

ii) Gideon was from the tribe of Manasseh

iii) His home town supported him

### **ASKING FOR SIGNS**

1. First sign

Acceptance of offering **Judges 6:17-21**

2. Second sign

Dew on a fleece of wool; dry ground **Judges 6:37-38**

3. Third sign

Dew on the ground; dry fleece **Judges 6:39-40**