





# The Many Masks of Gideon





**Masks are about  
Deception**





# **Gideons World**

**Judges 6:1-5**





# **The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord**

**This is a common theme in the book of  
Judges**

**There are 12 Judges listed in the book,  
plus Samuel = 13**

**Each Judge was brought in under  
the same cycle**





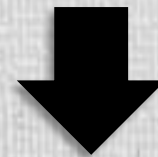
**Israel abandons God  
and pursued other gods**



**God allowed and even raised up  
a physical adversary to attack Israel**



**Israel cried for help and “repented”**



**God provided a deliverer**





# Important!

God is a merciful and a forgiving God, but He will **NEVER** allow you to live comfortable in your sin if you are His





# **For seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites**

**They destroyed crops and killed off  
livestock**

**They made way for other peoples to  
invade**

**They abused the land for their own  
good**





# **They Tried Hiding**

**Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds.**

**Judges 6:2**





# Sound Familiar?

**Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.**

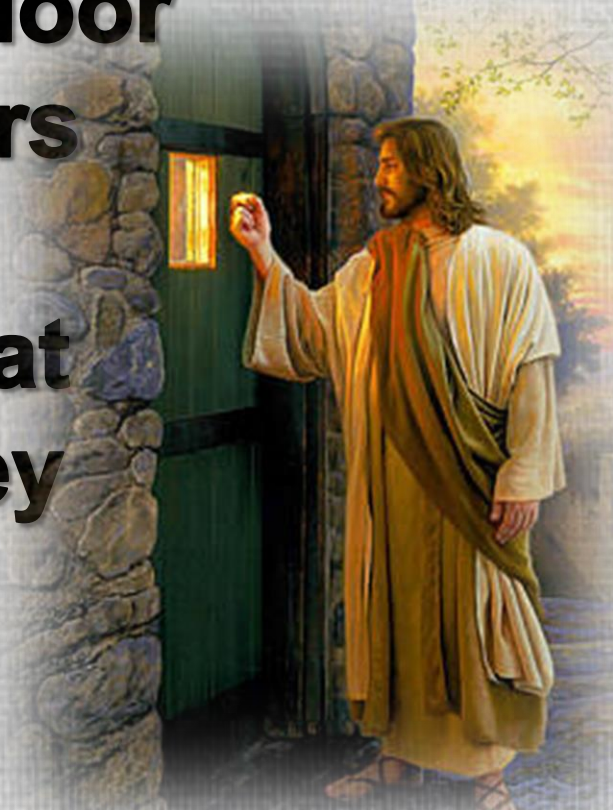
**Genesis 3:8**





# Look Familiar?

**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.**



**Revelation 3:20**





# **HELP!**

**Midian so impoverished the  
Israelites that they cried out to the  
Lord for help.**

**Judges 6:6**





**Let's Pray!**





# The Face of Unfaithfulness

Judges 6:7-10





# Unfaithfulness

**They asked for deliverance, God sent them a reminder**

**Ironically, they asked for a deliverer  
God sent them a preacher**

**They wanted a quick fix God was  
more interested in a long-term  
relationship**





# History of Faithfulness

**I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery**

**I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians**

**I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors**

**I drove them out before you and gave you their land**





# **The Expectation of Faithfulness**

**I said to you, 'I am the Lord your  
God; do not worship the gods of  
the Amorites, in whose land you  
live...**

**Judges 6:10**





# Forgotten!

**But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be **demanded**; and from the one who has been entrusted with **much, much more will be asked.****

**Luke 12:48**





# **Taking Inventory**

**What has God given you?**

**What did God entrust you with?**

**What are you doing with it?**





**He Condemns Their  
Faithlessness**

**... but you have not  
listened to me.**

**Silence**





# The Relationship

**Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.**

**2 Timothy 2:11-13**





**Your “Country”  
Tis of Him...  
or are you just  
wearing a**

**Mask?**

