

## **SPIRITUAL TASK—GIDEON DRIVES OUT MIDIANITES** (Judges 7)

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**Story** The Children of Israel turned away from the Lord. The Midianites invaded the land and destroyed crops and livestock. The COI cried out for help and the Lord sent them Gideon to drive out the Midianites. He defeated an army of 128,000 soldiers with 300 men carrying pitchers, torches, trumpets and strong vocal chords.

**Meaning** This story is about the destruction that comes when we don't concern ourselves with the Lord's truth: falsities infest our minds and wipe out truths and goods. If we ask for help from the Lord He will bring forward a humility and obedience to the Word (Gideon) that can gather truths together and form an army equipped to get rid of this negative attitude. He will help us break our stubborn mindset and let the Lord's light of truth shine through and drive away the hellish influences in our lives.

**Task** This week identify an issue or attitude within yourself that you want gone from your life. When you have identified it pray to the Lord for help to remove it and for the truths that will strengthen you to fight it. Then begin each day and end each day with the prayer, "Lord, I pray that Your sword of truth will fight for me today, and I trust that with you all things are possible. You can remove \_\_\_\_\_ from my life. I am ready to do the work. Into Your hands to I commit My spirit."