

Spirit-Filled Intercessor: Why God Will Deliver Us From This 'Coup' Attempt

I received a letter from a ministry partner last week who felt it was important that I accept the election as finished and Joe Biden as the next president.

"My husband and I have prayed and feel at peace with the result. I believe it is proof of God's judgment over Donald Trump," she explained.

My concern is that her comment is grounded in what is seen with the natural eye, not taking into account who God is, what He requires and what He has done in the past.

Proverbs 25:26 (ESV) says, "Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked."

Am I calling Biden wicked? To be clear, I am calling what the Democrat platform and what Joe Biden says he supports as wicked. (If you disagree with that statement, that's an entirely different conversation.)

Like many, I have continued to pray for a word and insight into what we see happening. There is no doubt that tension and division are mounting. But this isn't just about what we see; it's also about what we don't see.

"So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Cor. 4:18, NIV).

We need to look at what God has done in the past. Although He never seems to show up when or how we think He will, He always shows up.

Several times over the last two weeks, He has spoken to me of Gideon (Judg. 6-8) and why we are in a similar moment. What we see right now is a sifting and shifting, not only in government but also in the church.

We are changing from one season into another, leading to what I believe will be a massive revival across the globe as deliverance comes to our nation through “commoners.” Who are the commoners? They are those who, even now, are in the trenches, working behind the scenes in whatever capacity they are able. Lawyers, researchers, intercessors, writers, and so on. Unknown names to the world but known to God. It’s not the first time He has used such an army. Look around. These heroes are everywhere.

To see what God is doing in the present, we need to remember what He has done in the past. He never changes. God will not be mocked. He is and has always been in control. “He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord ridicules them” (Ps. 2:4, MEV).

Those plotting to remove God from our land are in for a rude awakening. How do I know that? Let’s look at what He did in the days of Gideon as the Midianites harassed and tried to enslave God’s people.

“The hands of Midian dominated Israel” (Judg. 6:2a). The name “Midian” means “division and strife.” Coincidence? “For they came with their livestock and tents like a swarm of locusts. They and their camels were too numerous to count, and they came into the land to destroy it. Israel was made weak before Midian and cried out to the Lord” (Judg. 6:5-6).

Present Day

And the power of division and strife intent on takeover seemed to prevail against America and the world. They were like a great swarm of locusts. They appeared innumerable and entered the land to ravage it (under the pretext of “saving” it). And

Americans cried out to the Lord.

God tapped Gideon (his name means “hacker”) to lead. He was an unlikely choice. If you read the story, you will remember that Gideon was timidly threshing out wheat in a winepress. He was hiding in fear. The angel of the Lord appeared and called him a mighty warrior. He didn’t look so mighty to me. Thank God that He sees us for who we can be and what He placed within us, rather than who we are in this moment.

Why had the Midianites been able to gain such strength? Judges 6:10b tells the story, “you have disobeyed Me.” It is no different for America. Sin has abounded in our land along with pride. But just as Israel repented, so there has been repentance and humbling in our land before God. Why is that important? Because that is the key to strength.

Gideon

“Then Gideon said to him, ‘O my lord, if the Lord is with us, then why has all this happened to us? Where are all His miracles that our fathers told us about? They said, “Did not the Lord bring us out of Egypt?”’ (Judg. 6:13a).

The Lord

“Then the Lord turned to him and said, ‘Go *in this strength of yours*. Save Israel from the control of Midian [strife and division]. Have I not sent you?’” (Judg. 6:14, emphasis mine).

What was Gideon’s strength to which the Lord referred? It was humility.

For months we have been reminded of the key to our deliverance in this hour, “If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14).

I realize that the church is not fully awake. I realize that

not everyone has humbled themselves—but a remnant has.

Jonathan Cahn's "The Return," Franklin Graham's Prayer March 2020, Sean Feucht's "Let Us Worship" events. We have seen over a million believers who have come together to cry out to God just through these events. They represent even greater numbers of those unseen but just as effectively interceding. And God will respond because He must in order to be true to Himself. This repentance and humility is now our place of strength.

How else do we know that God will deliver us from this coup attempt in process? Not only because we have humbled ourselves and cried out to Him, but because we have started to tear down the idols of Baal.

In the days of Gideon, that was his first assignment. He was to go and tear down the idols on the high places. Although he was too afraid to do it by day, Gideon took some friends and did it at night. He began to dismantle the works of evil. We need to remember that God honors those who honor His commandments: "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exod. 20:3).

Like him or not, President Trump has systematically been dismantling the idols of Baal erected in America. For the last four years he has torn down and reversed ungodly mandates from previous administrations, chopping away at the laws that protect the idols of pro-abortion, LGBTQ perversion, pedophilia, religious persecution and more. It has been in alignment with God's purposes. Will He suddenly allow it all to come back? Is His arm too short to save? Of course not.

Gideon was afraid as many are right now. Even after he started to take leadership and pull together an army, we learn they, too, were afraid. But God didn't need a great number; He just needed a remnant. In fact, He only wanted a small number so that man could not claim the glory for the victory that was about to occur at His hands.

“The Lord said to Gideon, ‘You have too many people with you for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel glorify themselves over Me, saying, “Our own power saved us.” So now, call out so the people can hear, “Whoever is afraid or anxious may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.’” So twenty-two thousand from among the people turned back, and ten thousand were left” (Judg. 7:2-3).

Over two-thirds were afraid and left. It sounds like where we are at in our nation right now as fear has caused many to capitulate just wanting this to be over and things to get back to “normal.”

But the Lord said to Gideon, “There are still too many people. Bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. When I say to you, ‘This one will go with you,’ he will go with you. Everyone about whom I will say, ‘This one will not go with you,’ will not go.”

So he brought the people down to the water, and the Lord said to Gideon, “You shall set apart by himself everyone who laps the water with his tongue like dogs; likewise, everyone who kneels down to drink.” The number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was three hundred. The rest of the people had knelt to drink water (Judg. 7:4-6).

Those who brought the water up to their mouths to drink were the ones alert and watchful. They were the ones chosen for the task of defeating the innumerable Midianite army. Just 300 men against an army too numerous to count. Crazy, right? We need to remember that God likes to do it that way.

“That night the Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go down into the camp, for I have given it into your hands. Yet if you are afraid to go down, then go down to the camp with Purah [fruitful] your servant. Listen to what they say” (Judg. 7:9-11a).

I believe the Lord wants to encourage us to listen to what they are saying. The continued insistence by the media reveals its fear of defeat. In the story of Gideon, a soldier in the opposing army had a dream of a barley loaf tumbling down the hill and crashing into the enemy's camp. Barley was the commoner's food. It represented that deliverance was coming through "commoners." I believe that is what we are seeing right now as well.

As we stand now at the top of the hill waiting for what we sense is coming, perhaps you feel like Gideon—afraid. It's OK. Listen to what the opposing camp is saying. I will tweak a line from Hamlet: "Methinks they protest too much." Their continued and desperate insistence of Biden's win and refusal to admit the overwhelming evidence of fraud which has been uncovered speaks volumes.

God understands that many are afraid—afraid of the future and what will happen in our nation as this conflict is resolved.

It's okay. He is in control. As the angel said to Mary long ago, "Fear not."

Rest assured, deliverance is coming and even now is tumbling down the hill. It is our job to stand fast, immovable as we continue to pray. May we be part of the remnant who are constantly alert, watching as He once again delivers His people in a way in which only He will get the glory, and America will return fully to Him. {eoa}

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