

What Do You See?

Judges 6:11-40

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The book of Judges follows a repeated cycle: sin, oppression, crying, deliverance and rest.
- B. In our text tonight, we see God raise up a man that at first glance might surprise us. What did God see in Gideon that caused Him to choose such a person to help deliver His people?

WHAT WE SEE IN GIDEON

- A. We see Gideon as someone who was fearful (vs. 11-12).
- B. We see Gideon as someone who was wavering in faith (vs. 13, 17-22, 36-40).
- C. We see Gideon as someone who was looking for excuses (vs. 14-15).

WHAT GOD SAW IN GIDEON

- A. God saw someone who had the right kind of heart (vs. 17-24).
- B. God saw someone who was courageous (vs. 25-27).
- C. God saw someone who could be influential (vs. 28-35).

WHAT DOES GOD SEE WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME?

- A. Does God see someone who has a heart for Him (Psa. 1:2; 119:97-105; Psa. 100:1-5)?
- B. Does God see someone who is bold and willing to do even that which may be difficult (Col. 3:5; I Jn. 5:21)?
- C. Does God see someone who makes a difference in the lives of others (Prov. 27:17; Eph. 6:4)?

CONCLUSION:

- A. While what we see in ourselves is important, what God sees is of greater importance.
- B. May God see people who have such a heart for Him, that they are bold enough to make a difference on the people around them.