

Preaching Elder R. Rubino

Sermon Outline for Sunday, September 5, 2021

Sermon: "Curse of Friendly Fire!" What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 22

**I Text:**

Old Covenant: *Judges 7:15-25*

New Covenant: *Mark 3:20-27*

**II Doctrine:**

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The rest of Israel's tribes are instructed to participate in the complete route of the Midianite coalition. This miraculous victory can only be attributed to God's sovereignty.

**III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

1) Gideon has been thoroughly strengthened by the Lord. He is now ready to follow the Lord's instructions for battle without wavering. His faith will be tested for after having his already small army of 32,000 reduced to 300! (*Judges 7:15-18*)

2) Gideon instructs his men to carefully follow the instructions he has given them. Their deceptive attack in the dead of night upon the Midianite coalition works perfectly. God's providence gives them a stunning victory as enemy units engage in "friendly fire" and kill themselves. (*Judges 7:19-23; Mark 3:20-27; <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2014/04/22/305969203/soldier-speaks-up-a-decade-after-pat-tillmans-friendly-fire-death> )*

3) The rest of Israel's tribes are instructed to participate in the complete route of the Midianite coalition. This miraculous victory can only be attributed to God's sovereignty. (*Judges 7:24,25*)