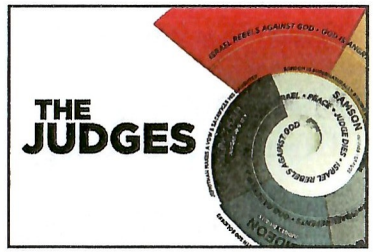
Old Gideon, Royal Righteousness & Fashion Folly

(Judges: The Deadly Spiral #4)

Judges 8:22-35



The wise person says, "God is God, & I am not."
Then he/she behaves accordingly.

THE MAJOR JUDGES — *The Minor Judges*

A. **OTHNIEL** Defeats Aram Naharaim (3:7-11) "INTRODUCTORY" JUDGE

B. **EHUD** Defeats Moab (3:12-30) "LONE HERO (SINISTER)" JUDGE

1. *Shamgar* (3:31)

C. **DEBORAH** Defeats Canaan (4–5) "OUTSIDER" JUDGE

D. **GIDEON** Defeats Midian (6–8) "THE LORD'S IDEAL" JUDGE

{*Abimelech* Seizes Power (9)} ("*THE ANTI-JUDGE*")

2. Tola (10:1-2)
3. Jair (10:3-5)

E. **JEPHTHAH** Defeats Ammon (10:6ff) "OUTSIDER" JUDGE

4. Ibzan (12:8-10)
5. Elon (12:11-12) 6. Abdon (12:13-15)

F. **SAMSON** Checks Philistia (13-16) "LONE HERO (SINISTER)" JUDGE

Additional Notes:

The final chapter of Gideon's life appears as a distinct anticlimax to the heroic actions of the earlier section, and the man who had given such a magnificent lead to his fellows now sets a deplorable example of self-indulgence in which he, his family and the whole nation were involved. Perhaps it is easier to honour God in some courageous action in the limelight of a time of national emergency than it is to honour him consistently in the ordinary, everyday life, which requires a different kind of courage. Gideon, who came through the test of adversity with flying colours, was not the first nor the last to be less successful in the test of prosperity.

- Arthur Cundall & Leon Morris, Judges & Ruth, p.119

Gideon's Golden Ephod

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Reno, Nevada

June 28, 2026

Service for The Lord's Day
June 28, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian." Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will rule over you."

- Judges 8:22-23

We Gather in the Name of Jesus Christ The King of Kings

Prelude Nancy Tedford, organ

Church Family News

We Worship God Who Alone Is Worthy of Our Praise

***Call to Worship Jeremiah 10:6-8, 10** Elder Steve Patton

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.

People: Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?

Leader: For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you. They are both stupid and foolish; the instruction of idols is but wood!...

People: But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & CPC Praise Band

"Every Step" & "Praise the King"

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Time of Greeting / Welcoming One Another

Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri

Time of Offering

Offertory, *Doxology (#731) & **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Hear God's Word & Affirm His Right to Rule

Hymn of Preparation "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #334

Old Testament Reading **Judges 8:22-35** (p.208)

Message: Pastor Jay Hull

Old Gideon, Royal Righteousness, Fashion Folly

We Depart to Serve Our God, The One & Only

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #38

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

*indicates to stand if you are able

Weekly Events

Sundays
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Prayer
10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesday
9:00 am Women's Bible Study **(on summer break)**
1:30 pm XLENT-Teens **(on summer break)**
2:30 pm Kid's Club **(on summer break)**
7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursdays
1:00 pm All Church Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal **(on summer break)**

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Jun 30 Worship MTM 6:00 pm
Jul 04 Fourth of July
Jul 06 Fellowship MTM 2:00 pm
Jul 12 Salad Luncheon

Jul 14 Evangelism MTM 5:00 pm
Christian Ed MTM 6:00 pm
Worship MTM 6:00 pm
Deacons MTM 6:00 pm
Missions MTM 7:00 pm

News & Reminders

Upcoming River Baptism
Today, June 28, we are excited to welcome all who wish to attend, as Pastor Jay Hull baptizes Gabriela Kouam. It will take place along the Truckee River at 2:00 pm at Rock Park in Sparks. Afterward, Gabriela's mom, Sonia, family, and friends will gather at 2207 Oddie Blvd (see below). Come join us.

Farewell to Carolina and Luiz Gusmao
Carolina and Luiz Gusmao are returning to Brazil tomorrow, June 29. You will be missed! Following Gabriela Kouam's baptism this afternoon, anyone who would like to join in a casual farewell meal with Carolina and Luiz at Pizza Plus at 2207 Oddie Blvd. is invited. If you would like to stay in touch, the office has address cards available. **See the bulletin insert for directions to both special events.**

Kids Club and XLENT Teens
These groups will begin their Fall sessions on Wednesday, August 12. Registration is now open on www.covenant-reno.org. Forms are available in the narthex.

Pick a Plot Update
There are now only six of the original nine plots available. Don't miss out; sign up for your plot today! Sign-up sheet and plot map are in the narthex.

Women's Retreat Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex
The Women's Retreat is October 23-25 at Lake Tahoe. Catherine Coon, founder of HopeAlive! and a friend of Covenant, is the speaker. A flyer in the narthex contains room, meal, and cost information, ride-share potential, and scholarship information. Sign-up period is June 28 through July 26.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

For the Church
Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they pray and search for a pastor to succeed Pastor Jay when he retires.

Prayer Requests
Nancy Tedford Healing
Joyce Miers Healing
Ernie Tanner Healing (submitted by Jean Burnett)
Greg Harshfield Healing (submitted by Dave MacDonald)
Elainea Scott Healing (submitted by Nancy Young)
Steve Healing (friend of Janet Goodman)
Aryanna Life circumstances
Eliana Glandon Life circumstances
Joyce Prosser Healing (submitted by Jim Prosser)

Bereavement

Our New Neighbors
Pray for the new neighbors who have moved in

On Active Military Tour of Duty
Noah Arias, Terran Billharz, Cody Carr, Matthew Cunningham, Westin Hart, Chase Lemon, Levi Sanchez, Gary Hogman, Maille Mathieu, Brian Zordell, Margaret Guthrie, Benjamin Guthrie, Chandler Bryant, Caleb Mize & Jacob Simpkins

Prayer Requests

Name of Person to pray for: _____

Concern or Update_____

Submitted by _____

Date _____

☐ For Church-wide prayer ☐ For Pastor/Staff Prayer
☐ Post on the Realm

Prayer submissions will be listed for 4 weeks; if an extension is desired, please request with an update. Put your request in the offering plate or in the prayer request box located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.