

Title: **"MIGHTY MAN OF VALOUR"**

Text: **Judges 6**

(I) PROBLEMS IN LIFE

1. Problem of oppression (Judges 6:1-3)

- a) The Midianites dominated Israel
- b) The Amalekites added to the problem
- c) People of the East made matters worse

2. Self-created problems (Judges 1-2)

Because of the pursuit of evil (**Judges 6:1**)

3. Escalated problems (Judges 6:3-4)

Everyone in Israel suffered terribly!

- a) The enemies plundered
- b) They left behind burned villages

(II) PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT LIFE ADVERSELY

1. Poverty

- a) People lived in caves! (**Judges 6:2**)
- b) No sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey (**Judges 6:4**)

2. People living in fear

The enemies would seize the harvest after the hard work put in

3. Powerlessness felt keenly

A terrible sense of helplessness and hopelessness came upon the land

(III) PRAYING TO GOD

- 1. Israel had no one else to turn to**
- 2. Israel fell back on the Lord in prayer (Judges 6:7)**
- 3. God sent a prophet to give them a word of rebuke but also a word of hope (Judges 6:8-10)**

(IV) PROVISION OF A STRONG LEADER

Judges 6:11-40

1. Calling of Gideon by the Angel of the Lord

- a) Appearance
- b) Greeting

*"The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valour" **Judges 6:12***

2. Commission of Gideon

- a) To go in his might (strength) (**Judges 6:14a**)
- b) To utilize his might to save Israel (**Judges 6:14**)

3. Commitment of God

- a) God will be with Gideon (**Judges 6:16a**)
- b) Promise of victory over the enemies (**Judges 6:16b**)

(V) PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE OVERCOME

1. Feelings of inadequacy (Judges 6:15)

2. Bouts of unbelief (Judges 6:17-18, 36-40)

- a) Asking for signs
- b) Struggling with the problem of a lack of faith in God

(VI) POWER TO OVERCOME

1. Faith in God

2. Faith in the word of God given

3. Faith that brings forth valour and strength