

Sermon Title: **“GIDEON’S GONE & ISRAEL FORGETS”**

Judges 8:28-35

- God used Gideon in mighty way (it was through Gideon that God vanquished the Midianites)
  - God used the Midianites & brought Israel to a place of proper respect
- Gideon again being referred to as Jerubbaal is probably to remind the audience that although Midian had been defeated, the temptation to worship idols was still present
- After being back home, Gideon has many wives & those wives bore Gideon 70 sons
  - Gideon also had a concubine, who lived in Shechem & she had a son named Abimelech
  - “Abimelech” = my father a king
- Gideon died & was buried alongside his father Joash
  - As soon as Gideon dies, Israel goes & plays the harlot
  - “Played the harlot” = they sold themselves & attached themselves to another god (to baal)
  - YHWH delivers Israel & then once things go back to normal, Israel gets comfortable with their routines & they attach themselves to a false god
  - God will NOT share His glory or praise!
  - It’s impossible to love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, soul, & mind, if you’ve placed something above Him
- This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the Book of Judges where it says “Israel forgot the Lord their God”
  - Israel was so focused on everything else, but God, that they DIDN’T even remember their God