

10. Then Gideon said, "Lord how about reversing it just so I can be sure."
- i. So the next time the fleece was dry and the ground was all ~~wet~~ <sup>wet</sup>
  - ii. And Gideon knew that the Lord was going to give him victory.
11. Gideon took the army and he went up to the spring of Harod.
12. Then the Lord did a very unusual thing.
- i. The Lord said, "Gideon, 32,000 soldiers are too many. I want the people to know that I am going to give them the victory. Now you give them the fear test. Any one who is afraid, you tell them to go home."
  - ii. 22,000 go home.
  - iii. The Lord said, "Gideon, you still have too many. Give them the water test."
  - iv. Only the ones who would take the water up and lap it like a dog were the only ones who were to stay.
  - v. Only 300 men did that.
  - vi. All the rest went home and Gideon is left with 300 men to defeat a great army.
13. Then the Lord said, "Gideon, I want to give you the assurance that I am going to give you the victory. I want you to take your servant and go right down to the camp where the Midianites, Amalekites and the other people are and something is going to happen that is going to give you the assurance that you are going to have the victory."
- i. So he takes the servant and goes down and he hears a Midianite talking to his friend, "I had a dream. And in that dream I saw a loaf of barley bread come down in the Midianite camp and it hit the Midianite tent and destroyed it."
  - ii. And the friend said, "Do you know what that barley loaf is? That is the sword of Gideon. Do you know what that tent is? The Midianites. That means that Gideon is going to defeat the Midianites."
  - iii. And Gideon hears this.
14. Gideon goes back and says "Men, we've got it made. We are already to go."
15. And that night, he takes the 300 men and divides them up into three groups.
- i. They have their trumpets.
  - ii. They have their pitchers with lights inside the pitchers so the pitchers would conceal the light.
  - iii. The three groups surround the city.
  - iv. At midnight, suddenly, there is a blast of trumpets coming from all around the camp.
  - v. And then they hear a tremendous noise made as the pitchers are broken.