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of Lesson, Judg. vii, 9-23—Mem-Verses, 17, 18—Golden Text, Deut. 22-Commentary Prepared by

ni's sermon at Antioch, in Pi-summarizes the four books of Numbers, Joshua and Judges at as many sentences (Acts XIII, giving an epitome of Judges in words: "And after that He gave hem judges about the space of ars until Samuel the proplet."

lessons since the first of June overed about fifty years of his-and now we are to have two les-out of 450 years, with a temper-

out of 450 years, with a temper-cesson between, but as our aim is ow God as we see Him working cried of time covered by the les-riessons is not of primary impor-Throughout the whole Bible two facts seem always promi-the patience and love of God and shellon and sin of man. In this of Indees these seems record shellon and sin of man. In this of Judges these are very promian oft repeated sentence being children of Israel did evil in the of the Lord" (ii, 11; iii, 7; iv, 1; vi, excit, ii). A characteristic senis, "They ceased not from their loings, nor from their stubborn (ii, 10), and the last section of look begins and ends with "There to king in Israel; every man did chilch was right in his own eyes" (6; xxi, 20). On the other hand, and that the Lord reasoned with saying: "I said I will never My covenant with you, and ye make no league with the inhabof this land; ye shall throw their altars, but ye have not 1 My volce. Why have ye done "Nevertheless the Lord rused "Nevertheless the Lord raised ges. * * * and when the Lord them up judges then the Lord the the judge and delivered it of the hand of their enemies." eral oppressions and deliver-sison of today flads them in of the Midianites, greatly ands of the Midianites, greatly erished and sorely oppressed, a unto the Lord in their distress. A man named Gideon, of the of Mannseh, while secretly ding some wheat, hoping to save in the Midianites, seems to have ome thoughts of what he would be do to Midian. The Lord, whose are everywhere looking for such greatly and hearts for Him calliand hearts for Him, callon hi i and greated him thus: Lord is with thee, thou mighty of valor. Go in this thy and thou shall save largel from and of the Midianites. Have not I thee? * * Surely I will be with (vi. 11-16; II Chron. xvi. 9; Ezek. Gideon was not quite as brave a thoughts and plended his unders but was not was not well as the sureless houghts and plended his unders but was not recommend.

is thoughts and pleaded his unhinesa, but was encouraged by
signs from the Lord, and vi, 34,
"The Spirit of the Lord came
(or clothed Himself with) Gideon,
he blew a trumpet, and Ablezer
gathered after him." The whols
of Gideon's offering, the overw of his father's after to Baal, the
and the dew, and the sifting of
my of 32,000 down to 300, is most
nating, and it is to be honed that ating, and it is to be hoped that schers will find some time for scident. One of our great weak-is to think that nothing can be dished without a lot of people or money or a lot of material. We w to learn that the power and a and might and wealth of man a hindrance rather than a help ord and that He takes the fool-the weak and the base and the which are not, to bring to things that are, that no desh

it things that are, that no flesh i glory in His presence (f Cor. I. A victory won by 32,000 might Israel to say, "Mine own hand saved rae" and thus lead them to agrainst God (vil. 2). First the didnes are sent home, and 22,000 i. Then the 10,000 are further by the way they take a drink of, and only 300 zealous, self raing people are left. Let the questern its, Where would I come alke xiv. 33, seems to fit here, how wholly this victory is of the Where is there a particle of hu-

Where is there a particle of hu-wisdom or so called common in what Gideon does? Three niles of 100 men each, in one of each man a trumpet and in ther an earthen vessel containing ch, and their marching orders, on me and do likewise." "As I shall ye do" (verses 16-18). They shall ye do" (veraes 16-18). They ntly spread themselves out about tests of the Midlanifes, and at the from Gideon each man blew his ter, raised his toreh, having brovessel, and shouted, "The sword Lord and of Gideon!" (19-23.) semy began to kill one another, it rest was easy. A sentence that my eye and reaches my heart erase 21. They stood every man place." They stood every man place." reminding us of Mark 4. "To every man his work," and xil, 11, "The Spirit dividing to man severally as He will." Our m (Gruiser), the great bru'er of bomy (Gen. iii, 15: Rom. xvi., 20), to each of His redeemed ones, in this thy might: I have sent I will be with thee." "Let your shine." "Ye shall be witnesses the Olant, xxviii, 18-20; v. 16; xz. 21; Acts 1, 8). The trumpet "Is a chart teatimony as to the meet, and the torch a consistent to 11 Cos. Iv. 7, we are reminded me have this treasure in earthen 's that the excellency of the powers the of God and not of us. itly spread themselves out about



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