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**Where Gideon's 10,000 went to 300**

**Judges 8**

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So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.

(Nehemiah 8:8)

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**Explore the Book by J. Sidlow Baxter**

**Online Help:**  
[http://preceptaustin.org/judges\\_commentaries.htm](http://preceptaustin.org/judges_commentaries.htm)

**Commentary:**  
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**With the Word Bible Commentary  
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# Outline

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**-MacDonald, William, Believer's Bible Commentary, "Judges**















# With the Word Bible Commentary

## **Judges 8**

It takes all kinds to make a nation (or a church), and a leader must know how to handle each one, especially after a great victory.

**The critical (1–3).** They were angry with Gideon because they were left out and did not share in the glory. Gideon tactfully gave them the “soft answer” that healed the wounds and prevented division (Prov. 15:1; Eph. 4:1–3). Better to do that than to start another war.

**The cynical (4–9).** They said, “You have not yet won the battle, so why should we help you?” The men of Succoth had no faith in God or appreciation for Gideon and his men, and their lack of love cost them dearly.

**The cowardly (10–21).** Executing two famous kings would be a great way to start a military career, but the lad was too immature to carry it out. We wonder if Gideon remembered his own fears and God’s patience with him.

**The compromising (22–35).** Unlike Abraham, Gideon became covetous and asked for a generous share of the loot (Gen. 14:18–24). This led to idolatry and apostasy because the heart of man is ever ready to indulge in sin.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Jdg 8:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

**"As thou art, do were they; each one  
resembled the children of a king."**

Judges 8:18

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It was a magnificent tribute to the royal bearing of this illustrious family. All the children had the stamp of kingliness on them, which had impressed even these barbaric princes. Would that a similar confession could be extorted from those who behold the members of the royal house of Jesus!

The children of a king! It is within the reach of any who aspire to it. By the second birth we become the children of God, joint-heirs with Christ, and the Spirit witnesses to our sonship, teaching us to cry, Abba, Father. As children of the great King we should bear the sign of our high lineage in our bearing and walk.

Royalty of Demeanor. — There is an aristocratic bearing in the scions of noble houses among men. The head is lifted high, the mien is proud, the manner distant and reserved. But in the family of God, meekness and lowliness, humility and contriteness, are marks of family likeness. We walk as Jesus walked, of whom the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

Royalty of Dress. — The king is marked by the brilliant orders glittering on his breast. Purple and ermine become those who date their descent from a line of kings. But the emblem of our family is the cross; our color is scarlet; our insignia is the towel and basin that speak of lowly service.

Royalty of Occupation. — The earthly king does nothing servile. He is waited on with lowly obeisance. But they who are of the same family as Jesus are found performing the lowliest acts of service, in jails, hospitals, and slums. In this they follow closely on the steps of Him who went about doing good.