

» **READ Judges 7:12 (NIV) to understand why grown men trembled with fear:**

The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

Δ **SECOND: The Sign of Commitment - “Separate those who lap...from those who kneel...”**

† There is much debate about the significance of these two postures. But one thing we must acknowledge--God does not act without a reason.

» What reasons have you heard that God would choose those lapping water, over those who knelt to drink?

» The Jewish interpretation, communicated by Raschi:

Δ **THIRD: The Sign of Conviction - “Let all the others go home...”**

† From 32,000 to 300. That creates the odds of 350:1 in favor of the Midianites.

» Why do you think that God requires us to provide the signs of courage, commitment and conviction **before** He will intervene in our personal battles?

† Does that mean that if we live in fear that God will not intervene and give us victories?

» Why does God need the credit for our victories? Doesn't He want us to be able to stand on our own?

» What does this story tell us about God's character?

My Prayers This Week...

1. What is causing me to spiritually tremble with fear?
2. What signs has God been asking me to show Him?
3. How does this section of Scripture help me see more of God's character?