

## “He Who Works Wonders with the Weak”

Arizona Camp Meeting, Camp Yavapines

June 15, 2017 (Pastor Ron du Preez)

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B. Based on reflection on the story of Gideon (Judges 6-8), the following picture emerges about Jesus in the Old Testament:

1) He’s a God who \_\_\_\_\_ us to serve people (Judges 6:14). “Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a \_\_\_\_\_. No sooner does he come to know the Saviour than he desires to make others acquainted with Him. The saving and sanctifying truth \_\_\_\_\_ be shut up in his heart. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver” (*Ministry of Healing*, 102).

[Same signature tune of God: Gen 26:3; 31:3; Exod 3:12; Josh 1:5] Immanuel: “\_\_\_\_\_” (Matt 1:23); until “the end” (28:20).

2) He’s a God who promises His \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 6:16).

3) He’s a God who’ll \_\_\_\_\_ us to serve (Judges 6:34). As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes \_\_\_\_\_. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 333.1).

4) He’s a God who works with \_\_\_\_\_ people (Judges 6:36-39).

5) He’s a God who helps us remain \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 7:2).

[See Num 20:12; 21:34; 27:12; Josh 6:2; 8:1; 10:8; Judg 1:2 etc.]

6) His promises are an absolute \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 7:9). “God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern \_\_\_\_\_ which they are fulfilling as co-workers with him” (*Desire of Ages*, 224-225).

7) He’s a \_\_\_\_\_ God, to us sinful humans (Heb 11:32-29).

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