

## Gideon

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*Does it make sense that people blame God for their troubles even though they have not been obeying God?*

*What is the basic attitude towards God that makes that kind of behavior possible?*

*Gideon was terrified when seeing an angel. Are angels always awesome?*

*Why did the angel call Gideon a “mighty warrior”?*

*What was being tested when Gideon was told to take down his father’s idols?*

*What did the people’s reaction teach Gideon about his countrymen?*

*What actually made Gideon a successful warrior?*

*Why did the LORD allow Gideon to muster a large army?*

*Why did the LORD send most of the soldiers home?*

*Was it wrong for Gideon to ask for a sign?*

*Why did God allow Gideon to surreptitiously enter the enemy camp and hear the “chatter”?*

*What surprised Gideon about his enemies?*

*Do we sometimes overestimate our enemies?*

*What was obvious about the way the victory was won?*

*Should Gideon have written a book and gone on a speaking tour?*

*Is it surprising that even after a glorious victory for the nation and for the LORD, there were people who found something to complain about?*

*Might the death of Gideon’s brothers have soured Gideon on the whole idea of war, despite the victory?*

*After a time of peace, the people went back to their idolatry. Why did that happen?*

*Does that sort of thing happen today?*