

# Judges 7:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

## Analysis

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Hearing this providential dream and interpretation, Gideon worships: 'he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.' His worship response demonstrates transformed faith—from fearful thresher requesting signs to confident leader worshipping before battle. The Hebrew *vayishtachu* (וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ, 'and he worshipped') depicts prostration, humble acknowledgment of God's power. His subsequent command 'Arise' echoes God's earlier command to him (verse 9), showing how encountering God's faithfulness empowers us to call others to action.

## Historical Context

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Worship in military contexts appears throughout Scripture—Israel worshipped after Red Sea deliverance (Exodus 15), Jehoshaphat sent singers before the army (2 Chronicles 20:21), Judas Maccabeus prayed before battles. This pattern demonstrates that victory belongs to God, not human strength. Gideon's worship before the battle rather than only afterward shows faith trusting God's promise before seeing its fulfillment.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does worship before victory demonstrate greater faith than thanksgiving only after success?
2. What role should worship play in preparing for difficult tasks and spiritual battles?
3. How did Gideon's transformed confidence from fearful to bold encourage the 300 warriors following him?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי כִשְׁמָע עַל יְהוָה  
H1961 **heard** H8085 **And it was so when Gideon** H1439 **the telling** H853 **of the dream** H2472 H853

וְשָׁבַר וְשָׁבַח חוֹ וַיֵּשֶׁב  
H7667 **and the interpretation** H7667 **thereof that he worshipped** H7812 **and returned** H7725 H413 **into the host** H4264

לְיִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר וַיִּקְרָא וַיִּשְׁמָע  
H3478 **of Israel** H3478 **and said** H559 **Arise** H6965 H3588 **hath delivered** H5414 **for the LORD** H3068 **into your hand** H3027

אֶת מַחֲנֵה הַמִּדְיָן  
H853 **into the host** H4264 **of Midian** H4080

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 24:48** (Worship): And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

**Genesis 40:8** (Parallel theme): And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

**Genesis 41:11** (Parallel theme): And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

**Judges 4:14** (References Lord): And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

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