

~PROOF (153)

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- When Gideon put his army to the **proof**, then 22,000 retired to their homes and 10,000 remained with him.
- And now call out, please, in the hearing of the people, saying; Who is there afraid and trembling? Let him retire. So Gideon put them to the **proof**. With that, twenty-two thousand of the people retired, and there were ten thousand that remained. (**Judges 7:3**)
- Yet there were still too many for Yehowah God so he further put them to the **proof** by testing them.
- Still Yehowah said to Gideon; There are yet too many people. Have them go down to the water that I may put them to the **proof** for you there. And it must occur that of whomever I say to you; This one will go with you, he is one that will go with you, but every one of whom I say to you, This one will not go along with you, he is one that will not go along. (**Judges 7:4**)
- Yehowah states that when Israel's forefathers put him to the **proof** they got to see his own activity.
- When your forefathers put me to the **proof**, they examined me, they also saw my activity. (**Psalms 95:9**)
- The Israelites went showing their own selfish desires and put God to the **proof** in the wilderness.
- But they showed their selfish desire in the wilderness and went putting God to the **proof** in the desert. (**Psalms 106:14**)
- Paul also wrote to them to ascertain if they were continuing obedient in all the things he had taught them.
- For to this end also I write to ascertain the **proof** of you, whether you are obedient in all things. (**2 Corinthians 2:9**)
- Paul also showed them, that he was appointed to be a traveling companion to Paul, and in the delivery of this kind gift. This gift was to

be administered for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and would serve as a **proof** of their readiness of mind, to share in this kind giving.

- Not only that, but he was also appointed by the congregations to be our traveling companion in connection with this kind gift to be administered by us for the glory of the Lord and in **proof** of our ready mind. (2 Corinthians 8:19)
- Therefore Paul asks them to demonstrate to these ones he sends to them, their love of them, and that the gift, that he boasted about from them, should be made ready, so that his boasting about them, might not fall short in any way.
- Therefore demonstrate to them the **proof** of your love and of what we boasted about you, before the face of the congregations. (2 Corinthians 8:24)
- Those there in Jerusalem will no doubt glorify God, for their kind gift is **proof** of Paul's ministry, that they are submissive to the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom, that Paul carries forth. It shows, that they are Christians and caring for the needs of all their brothers, and their generous contribution is proof of the Good News being alive in their hearts, to God's glory.
- Through the **proof** that this ministry gives, they glorify God because you are submissive to the Good News about the Christ, as you publicly declare you are, and because you are generous in your contribution to them and to all. (2 Corinthians 9:13)
- They were evidently, by calling into question his credentials as an apostle, seeking further **proof** of his apostleship from Christ, and so he would demonstrate through a demonstration of spirit and power, that Christ working within him, was not weak, but powerful among them, a real force for righteousness, love and truth.
- Since you are seeking a **proof** of Christ speaking in me, Christ who is not weak toward you but is powerful among you. (2 Corinthians 13:3)
- Paul counsels them to not be frightened by their opponents, but to boldly go forward in their preaching efforts to spread the Good News of God. This very thing is a **proof** of destruction for their opponents, when they see our courage and determination, and that we have power

spiritually beyond what is normal. It is also a proof of salvation, to those of us who preach, and this indication is from God.

- And in no respect being frightened by your opponents. This very thing is a **proof** of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and this indication is from God. (**Philippians 1:28**)
- They already know Timothy, and the **proof**, that he gave of himself, by slaving like a child for his own father, in Paul's behalf. Timothy was totally dedicated to the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- But you know the **proof** he gave of himself, that like a child with a father he slaved with me in furtherance of the Good News. (**Philippians 2:22**)
- Paul now shows, that just as God saw Paul as a fit one to declare the Good News of his Kingdom, so he was speaking it. He was not trying to please men, but rather God, who makes **proof** of his heart, through the Holy Spirit.
- But, just as we have been proved by God as fit to be entrusted with the Good News, so we speak, as pleasing, not men, but God, who makes **proof** of our hearts. (**1 Thessalonians 2:4**)
- Paul shows, that their work in faith is **proof** of God's righteous judgment of them, by his calling them to his holy work, for they are doing it in a fine way, and honoring God by their works. Therefore God's selection of them through Holy Spirit was righteous, for they are worthy. Paul commends them, and shows, that if they keep doing these same things, then they can expect to be counted worthy of God's Kingdom, for which they are indeed suffering.
- This is a **proof** of the righteous judgment of God, leading to your being counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are indeed suffering. (**2 Thessalonians 1:5**)
- Paul now recalls the witness of a certain prophet who said; What is man, that you keep him in mind, or the son of man, that you take care of him? Indeed what is man when compared to the Almighty God Yehowah? He is barely a speck of dust.
- But a certain witness has given **proof** somewhere, saying; What is man that you keep him in mind, or the son of man that you

take care of him? (**Hebrews 2:6**)