

## **Script - The LORD is Peace**

[Gideon takes center stage, crouches down in the winepress then starts threshing. While working, periodically sits up, carefully looks around and is afraid.]

**Narrator:** [enters stage left, steps forward and gestures to Gideon while speaking] Gideon is afraid. The enemy comes and takes away all of their food. Gideon is inside an empty winepress. A winepress normally is filled with grapes to be pressed into juice but Gideon is using it as a hiding place from the enemy. [Steps offstage]

**Angel:** [walks to the edge of the winepress and looks at Gideon] The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.

**Gideon:** [surprised, looks around for the enemy] But sir if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about the LORD who brought us up out of Egypt? But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of the enemy.

**Angel:** [boldly] Go in the strength you have and save Israel. Am I not sending you?"

**Gideon:** [slumps back down and speaks sadly] How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest and I am the least in my family.

**Angel:** I will be with you, and you will strike down all of the enemy.

**Gideon:** If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.

**Angel:** I will wait until you return.

[Gideon leaves the stage. The Narrator returns stage left while the Angel is patiently waiting]

**Narrator:** Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to the Angel. [leave the stage as Gideon returns]

**Gideon:** [brings the baskets of food and sits them down before the angel]

**Angel:** Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth.

**Gideon:** [follow the Angel's instruction]

**Angel:** [touches the staff to the baskets then using the cape, spins around and falls to the floor behind the winepress. If possible at the same time, have the lights in the room flashed off and on.]

**Gideon:** [falls to the floor, then slowly gets up and looks around for the Angel] I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!

**Angel:** [still down out of sight, speaking loudly] Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.

**Narrator:** [steps forward] Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace.

The End