

THE JOSHUA STUDY

CHAPTER 9:1-27

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Things Happen, When We Fail to Pray

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

SUBJECT REFERENCE:

Prayerlessness, Deception, Spiritual Warfare

INTRODUCTION: The Reviewing of Our Previous Message

JOSHUA 9:14

...but they did not ask counsel of the LORD

The Desire of Satan is That He Might Work by
Stealth

Modern Day Warfare

Continues to be Challenged by an Age Old Problem, Being Seen

An Enemy that Can be Seen,
is an Enemy that can be Defeated

Satan & Demonic Powers Exist

Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The Spiritual Dimension is Everywhere

Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so, some have unknowingly entertained angels.

Things Happen, When We Fail to Pray

Because We Assume that We're Exempt From The Evil

Because We Assume that We're Strong in Our Own Strength

Because We Believe that We're the Ones Winning the War

Behind the Scenes Prep. To Chapter 10

1 And it came to pass when all the kings who were on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon-- the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite-- heard about it, 2 that they gathered together to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.

Warring Tribes Often Unite

Luke 23:11-12

11 Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

Things Happen, When We Fail to Pray

1.) Things Like: An Open Door for Deception

vv. 3-15

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, 5 old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. 6 And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." 7 Then the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you dwell among us; so how can we make a covenant with you?" 8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?" 9 So they said to him: "From a very far country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt, 10 "and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan-- to Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroath. 11 "Therefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants; now therefore, make a covenant with us.'" 12 "This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy. 13 "And these wineskins which we filled were new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey." 14 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD. 15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them

a.) The Enemy Of Our Souls Never Rests

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Satan's "Copy Cat" Deception

Matthew 13:24-30

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

An Open Door for Deception

b.) Allowing the Flesh to Have an Audience v.6-15

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In Our Lives, the things of this world labor hard to encroach upon
our liberties in Christ

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Separation Has Already Happened

Romans 6:5-7

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Ephesians 4:22

put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

c.) Visual Deception Plays Against Spiritual Discernment v.13-14

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Verse 14

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Joshua 1:1

And LORD spoke to Joshua

3:7, 4:1, 4:15, 5:2, 5:9, 5:15, 6:2, 7:10, 8:1

What Were They Thinking?

Can we have some of your moldy bread too

for 40 years God had been careful to supply them fresh
manna bread every morning...

But We've Never Had Rotten Bread Before

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Prov 3:5-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.

The Prodigal Son *(from wine to swine)*

Luke 15:11-16

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

They took
(a visual temptation)

They Took Because they Looked

Like Never Before in History;
Things Are Not as They Appear

the danger with **normalcy** is that we fail to take it seriously

c.) Visual Deception Plays Against Spiritual Discernment

Verse 15

So Joshua made **peace** with them, and made a **covenant** with them to **let them live**; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them

The Flesh Always Seeks a Treaty.
It's motto "anything but death!"

Satan Knows That He Cannot Steal You,

But He Knows That He Can Rob You If You Leave Your Spiritual Door Open

Regarding Job's Attack

Job 2:4

So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin!
Yes, all that a man has he will give to preserve his life.

That's True for The Unconverted Soul - But Not Ours

Ishmael, The Flesh

Genesis 17:18

And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"

So A Gibeonite is a Type of Our Old Nature, The B.C. You

We Lived In A Lie

John 8:44

44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Lying is Satan's Greatest Weapon Against Mankind

For The Non-Christian

He Tells Lies About Christianity

For The Christian

He Tells Lies About the World

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2.) Things Like: Allowing the Flesh an Entrance In vv. 16-21

Peter's Warning

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

16 And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them. 17 Then the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim. 18 But the children of Israel did not attack them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation complained against the rulers. 19 Then all the rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel; now therefore, we may not touch them. 20 "This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them." 21 And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers for all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them."

Allowing the Flesh an Entrance In

a.) Guard Against The Enemy That Lives Near Us v.16-19

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In The Midst of the Camp

how Israel's enemies would have loved to entered their camp. To spy out their battle plans to look at their weaponry

The Enemy Walked

Consider the Boldness of the Enemy
Satan Believes In His Own Lies

Paul Exhorted Us

Ephesians 4:14

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

The Church Suffers Attack From Within

External Persecution has Always Enhanced the Church
But the Infiltration of the Enemy has Been the Churches Greatest foe

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

If You Can't Beat Them... Join Them
weaking the ranks by doubt, by fear and by subversion,

Jude 1:3-4

...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out

Allowing the Flesh an Entrance In

b.) Converting Our Mistakes Into Opportunities v.20-21

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Lumberjacks and Water boys

The Redeemer Lives

Being Exposed to the Ministry of the Tabernacle and Ark,
It Appears That They Had Been Converted to Judaism

In Ezra Chapters 2&8

The Gibeonites are Found as Part of the Returning Jews To Jerusalem
for the Rebuilding of the Walls and Temple...

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3.) Things Like: A Lifetime of Reaping What's Sown - 22-27

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A Lifetime of Reaping What Was Sown

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Verse 24-25

So they answered Joshua and said, "Because your servants were clearly told that the LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. 25 "And now, **here we are**, in your hands; do with us as it seems good and right to do to us."

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c.) Redeemed from Our Wrongs	v.26-27
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Is There a Gibeonite in Your Life?

A bad choice in Business, or direction Perhaps even in Marriage or in Life

Cheer up Friend

What Kind of a Disguise Does Your Enemy Wear?

What are your strengths?

1 Corinthians 10:11-12

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

The End