

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE AND MOVE ON LESSON 9B

Series Subject: Accept the Challenge and Move On!

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Today's Study: Josh. 10:12-43

1. Call for Help/Complied With (*Completed*) Vv. 6-14
2. Completing the Task (The Five Kings Conquered) Vv.15-27
3. Conquest of the Southern Nations Vv. 28-43

Time is available only for a brief discussion of review questions from previous lesson

INTRODUCTION

1. Highlights from Lesson 9A

- (a) The Israelites were now getting more established and looking forward towards their overall goals of conquering and occupying Canaan.
 - (1) The fear that God promised that would possess all nations because of Israel (Deut. 2:25) and was acknowledged by Rahab (Josh. 2:9-11) was clearly seen among the Canaanite cities (Josh. 5:1; 6:1-2; 10:1-5).
 - (2) The alliance of Gibeon with Israel was a major concern among the other Canaanite cities because Gibeon itself was a great city with well-trained soldiers.
 - The alliance by Gibeon with Israel was regarded as a betrayal of their country and a means of strengthening the enemy.
 - In order to address the obvious danger, Adonizedek king of Jerusalem, took the initiative to form an alliance with four other royal cities: Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon (Josh. 10:1-5).
- (b) Adonizedek, king of Jerusalem was the leader of the southern coalition.
 - (1) Adonizedek was a good name which signifies "*lord of righteousness.*" It is believed he may have been a descendant from Melchizedek, "*king of righteousness.*"
 - (2) Despite having a good name and a good family reputation he was a bad man, an evil man.
 - As seen in Gen. 14:18-24, Melchizedek blessed Abraham.
 - In Josh. 10, Adonizedek called his neighbors to fight Israel who were descendants of Abraham.
 - (3) By attacking and defeating Gibeon they, the Canaanites coalition, would repossess the city and would be in a better position to defeat Israel.

- (4) The coalition moved in their forces and laid siege on the city of Gibeon but were unable to quickly take it.
- The enemies of Israel **“feared greatly”** (v. 2), but like our spiritual enemies, they did not retreat; instead, they launched a bold attack just like wild animals who in defense of his life, furiously and viciously fights back.
 - The Church is a **“called out community in a hostile world!”**
John 15:19 NKJV
 “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I choose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”
- (c) Somehow, Gibeon was able to get someone through the coalition’s line and contact was made with Israel for help.
- (1) The southern coalition sought freedom from the presence of Israel and the God they served. Already the Gibeonites cities had been infiltrated by Israel and if not addressed all the Canaanite cities would be taken over by this invading army.
- People have always sought to free themselves from God and righteousness; this fact is clearly seen, for example in Psalm 2
 - Real freedom is not to live as you want to, in fact such way of life is slavery.
 - Real freedom is found in Jesus Christ and with the help of the Holy Spirit to live according to God’s Word (Psa. 119:11; etc.).
 - **John 8:36 Amplified Bible**
 “So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.”
See also Rom. 8:2; Gal. 5:1.
 - **“We can find the one sure route to freedom by wholeheartedly serving God the Creator. God can set you free to be the person He created you to be.”**
- (2) Despite the valiant soldiers Gibeon had they were overwhelmed by such large invading forces.
- The request from Gibeon to Joshua was: *“Come to us as quickly as possible, do not delay, lest we be consumed!”*
 - The protection the Gibeonites sought was based on their covenant with Israel, who were their masters (Josh. 10:6).
 - All believers are belonging to the New Covenant (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 12:24; etc.) and as His servants we are under His care.
 - **Isa. 41:13 Amplified Bible**
 “For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, who says to you, Fear not; I will help you!”
 - See also Psa. 123, note verse 2.

- (d) Joshua, being a man of integrity and truly a loyal leader, responded to the call for help.
- (1) Seeking God's guidance he was once more assured of success, irrespective of the size of the coalition forces (Josh. 10:8).
 - He marched to face the enemy and to honor the treaty Israel had made with Gibeon.
 - Joshua knew that the southern coalition was resolved to destroy the Gibeonites and they would fight desperately and determinedly, yet being prayed up, he went forth with the assurance of victory as God had told him: "I have delivered them into your hand." (Josh. 10:8).
 - (2) The character of Joshua continues to radiantly glow in so many ways! In this account (Josh. 10), we have seen that he was not only loyal to the commitment made to the Gibeonites but he kept it with great energy, diligence and dedication.
- (e) Israel's response brought hope and inspiration to the Gibeonites who were truly appreciative of Israel coming to their aid in such a timely manner.
- (1) It meant much to them that Joshua and his armies left Gilgal to be with them in war.
 - (2) The Gibeonites discovered that identification with God's people was much better than they had anticipated.
- (f) Joshua did not enter the battle against the southern coalition based on the valor and strength of Israel's army but with the assurance of God's enabling (Josh. 10:8; 1:5; 3:7; 8:1).
- (1) By the power of God, the enemy was overtaken by great terror and confusion, which was beneficial to the Israelite forces (v. 10).
 - (2) Realizing the battle was not in their favor, the coalition forces began to flee but wherever they ran death followed them as God outpoured great hailstones on them (v. 11).

This is where we closed in Part A and will resume after the introduction.

2. God is there for His People.

Only a few pointers possible before we move on to Part B.

- (a) The southern coalition was formed to destroy the Gibeonites because of their alliance with the people of God.
- (1) Frequently, when people identify themselves with God, opposition arise quickly.
 - (2) One of the outstanding things that we have witnessed in this account (Josh. 10) and throughout Scriptures is the effectiveness of teamwork.
 - God will do only what He can do but we must make ourselves available so He can use us in accomplishing all set goals.

- Think on this quote:
“God does His work, but He draws us into working with Him! Often God waits to see our initiative, our willingness to be a partner with Him before He does what only He can do.”
- (b) Beloved! The warfare continues!! (Eph. 6:10-18)
- (1) Like Joshua we go in the strength of God!
- Our weapons of warfare are not the weapons of the world (**2 Cor. 10:4**; 1 Sam.17:45; Heb. 4:12; etc.).
 - Beloved, the “God of Battles” fights for us (**Ex. 14:14**; 23:27; 2 Chron. 20:29; 32:8; etc.)
- (2) As we know that Satan attacks in many ways, he comes in many forms and never gives up on his quest to destroy, just like the southern coalition forces who were determined to destroy the Gibeonites (Josh. 10).
- As we continue on our pilgrimage, there are times we may feel deeply challenged and fenced in . . . David had a somewhat similar feeling as noted in Psa. 57.
 - **Psa. 57:4 ESV**
“My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—the children of men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.”
 - *Time wouldn’t allow for details of this Psalm but go through it carefully and prayerfully.*
 - Observe David’s confidence in God!!
Psa. 57:7 ESV
“My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!”
 - When the coalition of hell arise against you, let the devil know that you are going on with Jesus!!
 - **The song: I’m Going With Jesus (Partial Quote)**
I’m going with Jesus all the way
I’m going with Jesus all the way
You can’t stop me, You can’t turn me
I’m going with Jesus all the way

 - Sometimes I have to fast and pray
Sometimes I have to steal away
Sometimes I have to cry out help me Lord
I know if I hold my peace, the Lord will take care of me.
I’m going with Jesus all the way.
 - Our victory is **in Jesus Christ**
- **Psa. 24:8 LASB**

“Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord invincible in battle.”

- Beloved, God guarantees victory over all our enemies, both inward and outward. Without any doubt, we can live victorious lives!! (Phil 4:13). **Yes, we can!!!**

TODAY'S STUDY

A. Conspiracy of the Five Kings Josh. 10:1-5

Discussed in Part A

1. Settling in Canaan
2. Source of Fear Vv. 1-5
3. Southern Coalition ... The Five Kings Vv. 3, 5

B. Call for Help/Complied With Josh. 10:6-14

Commenced in Part A

1. Desperate Plea v. 6 (Completed)
2. Dutiful Response Vv. 7-8 (Completed)
3. Divine Intervention Vv. 9-14 (In process)

4. Decisive Changes

- (a) The southern coalition had great expectations when they decided to destroy the Gibeonites but the situation was now changing as they encountered an army (Israel's) that the true and living God was their Commander-in-Chief.
- (b) From the start, Joshua was assured by God that they would be victorious (v. 8).
- (c) Joshua and his soldiers travelled all night and made a surprise attack on the coalition forces.
- (d) God confounded the enemy forces with chaos, thus creating a great advantage for Israel's army (v. 10).
- (e) As the southern coalition forces were thrown in disarray and they realized that they were being destroyed, they began to flee but God destroyed them with hailstones and as a result more enemy forces were killed with hailstones than those killed by Israelite soldiers (v. 11).

5. Display of Great Faith/God's Response (Josh. 10:12-14)

I will make brief comments in regards to Joshua's prayer, requesting the sun and moon to stand still. This will be done without the drawn-out controversial debates associated with this passage (Josh. 10:12-14).

- (a) Some have criticized Joshua to say, “sun stand thou still ... and thou moon ...” (Josh. 10:12).
 - (1) They have noted that because the earth rotates around the sun, and the sun does not move, it was misleading for him to command the sun to stand still.
 - (2) While critical of Joshua's command, it should be remembered that we speak of “sun set” and “sun rise” without thinking about it.

(3) Joshua saw the need that more time would be necessary than was remaining in that day; and because of the urgency on hand he reached out to God for help!!

- The enemy's forces were many and time was needed to defeat them.
- Joshua, in the motion of God's Spirit and being filled with holy confidence, spoke the following before the people, that they might be witnesses:

Josh. 10:12 NKJV

"Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: 'Sun stand still over Gibeon; And moon, in the valley of Aijalon.'"

(b) The precise method God used to prolong the daylight is not given in Scriptures.

(1) We should also note that the event of the prolonged day (Josh. 10:12-14) is not easily explained scientifically.

- One has to recognize that He who made the laws of nature has the right to use them as He desires.
 - We used to sing the chorus: "He Got the Whole World in His Hand;" as well as other relevant songs that show the sovereignty of God over everyone and everything, including nature.
 - See a brief listing of some ways God used nature at His command, noted in Lesson 9A, pages 23-24 (current series ... "Accept the Challenge and Move On!")
- God's sovereignty over nature enables Him to promote His spiritual kingdom by use of the physical world.
 - The Psalmist emphasized that the whole visible universe exists for spiritual purposes. **He stated that:** "the heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament shows and proclaims His handiwork. [Rom. 1:20, 21]. Day after day pours forth speech, and night after night shows forth knowledge." (**Psa. 19:1-2) Amplified Bible**
 - **The Psalmist also declared that:** "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." (**Psa. 24:1 ESV**).
- Joshua displayed no hesitation in calling in the forces of the universe to work against those who were opposing God (Josh. 10:12).

(2) God could have slowed the earth's rotation, tilted the earth on its axis, as in the North Pole where the sun does not set (also the Arctic Circle ... no sun set for six months during summer as noted by some scholars), or God could have caused a refraction of the sun's rays (refraction: the change of direction of a ray of light).

- **Whatever method God used, the extension of that day was an extraordinary answer to a bold prayer (Josh. 10:12-14).**

- God, who created the world and the heavenly bodies with their functions, can also suspend their natural movements for His own purpose (Isa. 38:7-8).
- (c) Joshua's prayer was not a prayer of ignorance, nor a display of impulsiveness, etc. but one of great faith in the God he served
- (1) It came because of the urgency and necessity of the moment!
 - (2) It came because he knew who he believed and he was fully persuaded that his God was able, more than able to bring it to pass!!
 - (3) It came from one who had the assurance that the true and living God was with him and will act on behalf of His people!!
 - (4) Etc.
 - (5) It came from a heart of faith; it was as if he was affirming the words of the song: **"He is Able"**

2n Verse

He is able more than able

To accomplish what concerns me today

He is more than able

To handle anything that comes my way

He is able more than able

To do much more than I could ever dream

He is able more than able

To make me what He wants me to be.

6. **Depth of Joshua's Prayer** (Josh. 10:12-14)

Briefly looking deeper at Joshua's prayer (Josh. 10:12)

- (a) This account is yet another example of Joshua's outstanding example of unswerving commitment and effective leadership.
- (1) His prayer (Josh. 10:12), clearly showed his dedication, determination and desire to serve without reservation!!
 - Once more he exemplified his unwearied activity and persistence in his service to God.
 - **Joshua and his forces marched all night (v. 9) and fought all day, (and it was an extended day Vv. 10-14); there was no letting up, there was a task to be accomplished and he was thus focused!!**
 - Despite the lack of sleep and rest, the most important thing that stood out was the task on hand, its importance and the time needed to accomplish such an objective.
 - Joshua's response is a powerful witness that those who wait on the Lord and work for Him shall renew their strength, shall run and not be weary, shall walk and not faint (Isa. 40:31).

(2) His great faith in the power of God:

- There was no doubt, no hesitation in making such request to prolong the day because he knew whom he believed; he believed in the power of God that it was above the power of nature and He is able to control and alter the usual course of it.
- Obviously, Joshua had an exceptional instinct or impression upon his spirit which he knew to be of divine origin, prompting him to desire that this miracle might be performed upon this occasion.
- God formed this faith in Joshua and then said: “According to your faith, and prayer of faith be it so unto you.”
 - It was an impressive act made by Joshua.
 - This prayer was expressed with authority because it was not an ordinary prayer and it was supported by divine providence.
 - It was a prayer that affectionately challenges the importance of persistent/prevailing prayer regulated by God’s Word.
 - It was a bold prayer.
 - “... **and he said in the sight of Israel . . .” (v. 12)**
 - If the prayer request accomplished nothing it would have been humiliating for Joshua.
 - However, he knew that the God he served is a prayer answering God and his prayer was an expression of faith in the power of the Almighty God.
 - He believed the sovereignty of God, and that He is able to act as it was requested.
 - He believed God favors His people Israel and would act on their behalf.

(b) The wonderful answer to this prayer!

“And the sun stood still . . .” (v. 13)

(1) It stood still for an entire day.

- Scholars vary as to the duration of that day, some say it was an extension of twelve hours, some say another 14 hours etc.
- This we do know, the sun did not set as it did on a normal day.

(2) God gave them sufficient daylight in order to fully avenge themselves of their enemies (Vv. 13-14).

- The enemy came in their might and in multitude and God granted sufficient time to Israel for a comprehensive victory!!
- Yet irrespective of what, Israel had the favor of God and whether it was day or night God would be able to destroy the enemy ... because He also sees in the dark.

Psa. 139:12 NKJV

“Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; the darkness and light are both alike to You.”

- (3) It was an usual day and none like it before that day or afterwards (v. 14).
- It was a day when God puts His honor upon faith and prayer! “Only believe!! Only believe all things are possible!! Even in the most challenging moments, even then we must say “My faith looks up to Thee Thou Lamb of Calvary!!”
 - God wonderfully complied with Joshua’s prayer and faith because He fights for His people!
- Josh. 10:14 Amplified Bible**
 “There was no day like it before or since, when the Lord heeded the voice of a man. For the Lord fought for Israel.”
- (4) Written in the Book of Jasher.
- “Is this not written in the Book of Jasher?” (Josh. 10:13b NKJV)*
- The Book of Jasher, is said to be a collection of poems as related to wars and the miracles associated with the war,
(This is another subject associated with a variety of opinions ... we will continue to avoid the unending debates).
 - It has been noted that the book was not properly preserved. It was not included in the canonical books. (“**Canon**” briefly explained below).

BRIEF NOTE:

*There is much more to this subject than we can properly address at this time. The word “**canon**” comes from the Greek which means “rules” or “measuring stick.” The word “**canon**” refers to the method used for compiling the Books of the Bible as we have it today (the sixty-six Books). Books that were selected had to measure up to certain standards of Holy Scripture; thus the **canon of Scriptures** refers to the Books that are considered the authoritative Word of God.*

- As noted, the Book of Jasher was not among the canonical books. You will observe that it is also mentioned in 2 Sam. 1:18.
- (5) **This extremely impressive miracle (Josh. 10:12-14) has significance beyond the day of battle and its decisive victory.**
- **God would, as a result, magnify Joshua**
 - This was promised to Joshua (Josh. 3:7).
 - It was fulfilled in Josh. 4:14 ... in other words God made Joshua great in the eyes of men (definitely to the glory of God!).
 - Joshua’s fame continued throughout his leadership (Josh. 9:3; 10:1; etc.).
 - **God would hereby notify the world what He was doing for His people in Canaan.**
 - The Canaanites themselves heard of what to expect even before Israel entered Canaan and they were overtaken by fear (Josh. 2:9-11).

- Israel's advancement in Canaan intensified fear and despondency among the Canaanites (Josh. 5:1; 6:1; 9:1-2; etc.)
- The mighty and miraculous working of God would be proclaimed by neighboring nations: . . . (Example Psa. 46:8)

Psa. 46:8 Amplified Bible

"Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has wrought desolations and wonders in the earth."

- It was also established that there is no other nation like Israel who has such a great God!

Deut. 4:7 Amplified Bible

"For what great nation is there who has a god so near to them as the Lord our God is to us in all things for which we call upon Him?"

- **The miracle would also confound idolaters.**

- Those who worshipped the sun and moon will realize that the objects of worship are subjected to the God of Israel who is the Creator!
- It should also serve as a deterrent to idol worshipping . . . such practice is a temptation that the people of God must resist and overcome!

Deut. 4:19 NKJV

"And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given all people under the whole heaven as a heritage."

- **The miracle points to the necessity of light!!**

- Bishop Pierson states:

"It signifies in that in the latter days when the light of the world was tending towards a light of darkness, the Sun of righteousness even our Joshua should arise (Mal. 4:2) give check to the approaching light and be the true light."
- Regarding the miracle in Josh 10:12-14, we do realize that eventually the dark of night finally sets in, however, Jesus Christ is the eternal light of the world!! Note a few references:
 - See 1 John 1:5 . . . (Read the chapter)
 - See also Luke 1:79; John 1:1-14, NB Vv. 4-5; 9:5; 12:35, 44-46; etc.
 - **Great NEWS!! No need for anyone to continue walking in darkness!! (Isa. 9:2; Matt. 4:16; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 5:8-16; etc.).**

- The arresting of the sun and moon in this day of battle (Josh. 10:12-14) prefigured the turning of the sun into darkness, and the moon into blood in the last and terrible day of the Lord (**Joel 2:10, 11, 31**; Ezek. 32:7, 8)

7. Divine Care: "Take it to the Lord"

- (a) Joshua prayed for a miracle (Josh. 10:12) and God answered (Josh. 10:13-14).
 - (1) God listened and answered in a mind-blowing and amazing way.

- (2) The result was victory for Israel, an amazing victory!! Joshua and his army gained a smashing victory over the enemy. The southern kingdoms were all conquered . . . (this fact will be seen as we continue our lesson).

(b) God answers prayers, the prayers of His dear people.

- (1) To the natural eyes, Israel faced an insurmountable task, having to face such a large alliance (Josh. 10:1-5).
- But Joshua did not panic, he took his concerns to Him who is able!!
 - Joshua did what every believer ought to do under all circumstances, be it good times or times of difficulties!! **Take it to the LORD!!**
- (2) This is the assurance that all believers have: if we seek the LORD and ask for His help, He will answer!!
- (3) As believers, we should not hesitate to pray that the LORD would work in extraordinary ways on our behalf!!

We have discussed these facts in so many lessons but some things are worthwhile repeating.

(c) This world is NOT our home!!

- (1) Keep in mind that we are a called-out community in a hostile world!
- (2) Beloved, we (Christians) do live in an inhospitable and evil world; thus we are faced with such challenges and difficulties that miracles are sometimes needed to fulfill God's plans and purposes for our lives.
- (3) God is there for us! He will meet our needs!! We have His guarantee, in His Word:
- Let us not look at the problem(s) (Matt. 14:30) but look to the Problem Solver (Matt. 14:31).
 - There will be challenges, adverse situations but we must be encouraged; in Jesus Christ we have the victory (John 16:33)!!
 - **John 15:7 ESV**
"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."
 - See also Psa. 40:17; 91:15; Isa. 41:10; 58:9; 65:24; John 16:24; etc.

(d) The song: Leave it There

If the world from you withholds its silver and its gold
 And you have to get along with meager fare
 Just remember, in His Word, how He feeds the little birds
 Take your burden to the Lord, leave it there

Refrain

Leave it there, leave it there
 Just take your burden to the Lord oh and leave it there

If you trust Him through your doubt, He will surely bring you out
Take your burden to the Lord, and leave it there

Now if your body suffers pain and your health you can't regain
And your soul is slowly sinking in despair
Jesus knows the pain you feel, He can save and He can heal
Take your burden to the Lord, leave it there

C. Completing the Task . . . The Five Kings Conquered Josh.10:15-27

1. Cave sought for safety Vv. 16-18

(a) The formidable was now crumbling!

(1) As a reminder, these forces forming the southern alliance consisted of five cities led by five kings (Josh. 10:1-5)

- They formed the alliance because they heard of Israel's victories and that the Gibeonites had made a peace treaty with them (Israel).
- The major objectives of the coalition were:
 - To punish Gibeon for making peace with Israel who was an enemy nation.
 - To retake the city of Gibeon because of the strategic military importance.

(2) Now the battle was in process but the alliance forces were crumbling and their defeat was certain.

(3) Their might and power were quickly dissipating and these mighty men were running out of worthwhile options as to how to turn the battle to their advantage.

(b) **The ferocious now became fearful!!**

(1) These mighty kings, whose intention was to instill fear and hopelessness were now like hunted animals desperately seeking a source of refuge.

(2) They hid themselves in a cave and most likely felt safe and secured!

- With pomp and glory these vengeful, proud and powerful leaders had launched their attacks on God's people.
 - Before the end of the day they fled and hid themselves in an attempt to secure their lives.
 - Before, they felt high and lifted up but now realized they had no power with which to face God's judgment.
- King Herod was afflicting the Church (Acts 12:1-6) and had imprisoned Peter, who was miraculously delivered (Acts 12:7-19)
 - Herod then visited a city with whom he was displeased and made a spectacular appearance (Acts 12:20-21)
 - The people highly exalted him, comparing him to a god and he was brought down by the power of the true and living God (Acts 12:23).

- Despite his might and self-glory, coupled with the praise and exaltation of men, Herod also found out that he was no match for the Almighty God and as noted, the work of God progressed (Vv. 24-25)
 - **The abasement of the proud . . . note a few examples:**
 - Pharaoh Ex. 15:4
 - Sennacherib 2 Chron. 32:21
 - Haman Esther 7:9
 - Nebuchadnezzar Dan. 4:33
 - Belshazzar Dan. 5:28
 - Nineveh Zeph. 2:15
- (c) Seeking safety that seems to be guaranteed, but is it?
- (1) The five kings were fully convinced that the cave was an ideal place for them to hide from the onslaught of the Israelites.
 - (2) When Joshua was informed that they were hiding in the cave, he did not seek to immediately take them captives.
 - (3) Joshua had the cave secured, posted guards and continued the onslaught of the common soldiers.
 - (4) These kings escaped the sword; they escaped the hailstones and to them they found a place of safety.
 - As a note of caution: it is useless to seek security from God's judgment other than under His protection!
 - Man's ONLY escape from the judgment for our transgressions is through the blood!!
 - This was clearly illustrated when the final plague struck Egypt (See Ex. 12, NB v. 13).
 - See also Col. 1:20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:14, 22; 13:12; etc.
 - Absolutely, there is no escape for the obstinate who continues in his rebellious, sinful and wicked ways.
 - **Amos 5:18-19 ESV**
 "Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, **as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against a wall, and a serpent bit him.**"
 (Read the chapter, NB Vv. 16-24)
 - See also Prov. 11:21; 16:5; Jer. 11:11; Amos 9:2; Matt. 23:33; 1 Thess. 5:3; Heb. 2:3
2. **Command to eliminate** (Josh. 10:19-21)
- (a) **Decisiveness exemplified/stay focused!!** (v. 19)
 - (1) Staying focused maintained the discipline necessary to complete the conquest.
 - Joshua put on hold his triumphs and actions against the five kings.

- Doing what must be done in a systematic way will enhance what God was accomplishing in their midst.
- (2) The enemy forces had dispersed themselves and must be followed and smitten.
- Joshua being a prudent general did what was most needful.
 - Pursuing the fleeing soldiers would prevent them escaping in large numbers, which could help them to reinforce and strengthen themselves.
- (3) Upon securing the five kings, the battle cry was:
- Josh. 10:19 LASB**
- “The rest of you continue chasing the enemy and cut them down from the rear. Don’t give them a chance to get back to their towns, for the LORD your God has given you victory over them.”
- Israelite soldiers were to pursue the enemy and wipe them out!!
 - This was to be the closing accomplishment of an awesome victory!!
- (b) **Destroy the enemy** (v. 20)
- (1) Moses reminded them of this command as given by God (Deut. 7:1-11)
- In Lesson 5 (of this series) we briefly discussed, “Why Destroy the Canaanites?”... see page 18.
 - This was a command from God! (Deut. 7:1-11, NB v. 2; 13:12-18, NB v. 15; 20 NB v. 17).
- (2) King Saul failed to follow similar instruction only to his loss, a great loss of divine favor both to him and his dynasty (example 1 Sam. 15, NB Vv. 3, 8-11).
- (3) Joshua and his forces experienced an awesome accomplishment and a stunning defeat of the southern coalition.
- All five armies were destroyed with the exception of those who escaped back to their fortified cities.
 - Those who escaped were unable to rally any great help neither were they able to help the cities to which they fled.
- (c) **Divine favor** (v. 21)
- (1) Obviously, the area of Makedah served as a temporary camp for Israel during the southern campaign. Two things are noted in verse 21:
- **All** Israelite soldiers were accounted for and none experience injury (v. 21a)
 - No enemy from the surrounding nations dared utter a threat against Israel (v. 21b)
- (2) **“None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel” (v. 21b KJV).** This though clearly shows two things:
- **Their perfect safety and tranquility.**
 - They were not threatened by any danger at all after their victory, not so much as a barking dog.
 - Not one single Israelite was brought into any distress, either in battle or in pursuit.
 - **Their high honor and formidable reputation.**

- No man had any reproach to cast upon them, nor any ill words to give them.
 - Matthew Henry says: “God not only tied the hands, but stopped the mouths, of their enraged enemies, and put lying lips to silence.”
 - Matthew Henry further states:

“When the army came back to be reviewed after the battle, there was none slain, none wounded, none missing, Not one Israelite had occasion to lament either the loss of a friend or the loss of a limb, so cheap, so easy, so glorious was the battle.”
- (3) The fact is, when we live in compliance with God, He is there for us! When we disobey, we will pay the consequences! When we sincerely repent, He will restore us.
- Because of Achan’s transgression, Israel lost thirty-six soldiers when they first attacked Ai (Josh. 7).
 - When Israel addressed Achan’s transgression God’s presence and guidance was restored.
 - Ai was conquered (Josh. 8)
 - The southern coalition consisting of five royal cities were all defeated and Israel experienced NO LOSS OR INJURY!!
 - Trust and obey!! Promises are conditional!! (Deut. 28; 2 Cor. 7:14; Rom. 10:9; etc. **note the word “if”**).
 - **Psa. 84:11 Amplified Bible**

“For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace and favor and future glory (honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss)! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”
3. **Completion/Courage Emphasized** (Josh. 10:22-27)
- (a) **Dramatic symbol of victory** (Vv. 22-24)
- (1) As we saw earlier, the five kings of the southern coalition were secured in the cave where they hid themselves.
- Guards were put in place to make sure that no rescue attempt was made.
 - Now it was time for these leaders to face their fate.
- (2) Joshua ordered them brought forth and set them before him and the gathered army as before the bar (“**bar**” *body of lawyers*). It was time to answer for the charges against them.
- (3) This moment was symbolic of victory over the enemy.
- Obviously, the five kings were on the ground.
 - They may have been bound and thrown to the ground.
 - Or they may have thrown themselves to the ground begging for mercy.
 - These five kings knew the imminent danger, as they helplessly lay in the presence of the army battalions.

- Joshua commanded the officers to place their feet on the necks of these kings (v. 24).
 - Placing a foot on the neck of a captive was a common military practice in the ancient North East. It symbolized the victor's domination over his captives.
 - As it relates to Israel, (Josh. 10:23-25) this was not a moment of display nor merrymaking but done with decorum (decency, orderliness, protocol, etc.) as ministers of justice.
 - **It was not done to gratify themselves but to give glory to God.**
 - It is God who treads upon princes as mortar (Isa. 41:25).
 - Even the kings of the earth shall discover that the LORD is the real Ruler (Psa. 76:12).
 - These proud kings (Josh. 10:3, 23) had boasted of their power. Now all Israel could see that God was superior to any earthly army.
 - **Isa. 40:18 NKJV**
"To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare Him?"
 - See also Ex. 8:10; 15:11; Psa. 89:6; Isa. 40:25; 46:5; etc.)
 - The greatness of Joshua as a leader of men is exemplified in that he told his captains to **"come near and put your feet upon the necks of these five kings."** (v. 24)
- (4) Joshua was acting by divine direction and instinct which actually reveals two things:
- **First**, God would hereby punish the abominable wickedness of these five kings, the actions of whose iniquity was now full! They were weighed in the balance and found wanting (Dan. 5:24-27).
 - **Second**, God would bring to fulfillment the promise of Moses as seen in Deut. 33:29.
Deut. 33:29 NKJV
"Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places."
- (b) **Declaration of authority** (v. 25)
- (1) Joshua was not assuming the authority of an arrogant conqueror, but he was reassuring his men that **thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies** (v. 25)
- (2) The powerful charge!! **"Be strong and courageous."**
- This charge was given in striking fashion, while the officers feet were on the necks of the five kings.
 - As noted above, this act was a symbol of victory.
 - It was a symbol that the LORD would humiliate all the enemies of Israel.
 - The LORD Himself would defeat all enemies who attempt to keep Israel out of the Promised Land.

- “Fear not, nor be dismayed” (v. 25).
 - Do not fear these kings or anyone associated with them as if they are a threat to you. Have no fear that any should rise up to revenge this defeat . . . **“fear not!”**
 - Fear not any other kings who may at any time be a confederacy because they too will be defeated just as these who thought they were formidable . . . **“fear not!”**
 - **Esther 6:13 NKJV**
“When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that happened to him, his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, ‘If Mordecai, before you have begun to fall is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him.’”
 - **The enemies could not prevent God’s people from entering the Promised Land.**
 - **The resistance of the enemies only hasten their own destruction.**
- (3) In this passage (Josh. 10:22-27) we can infer a type or figure of Christ dominating the powers of darkness on behalf of His people.
- All enemies of the Redeemer shall be made His footstool (trampled upon) (Psa. 110:1; 18:40).
 - The kings of the earth will rise up against Him (Psa. 2:2; Rev. 16, NB Vv. 14-16)
 - Eventually, all who rise up against Him will be placed in subjection (Heb. 2:8).
 - Christ will make a public spectacle of principalities and powers (Col. 2:15).
 - In all these situations, the believers in Christ are more than conquerors thus having strength and vitality to overcome the enemies (Psa. 91:13).
 - We will experience great delights in God and to do so will enable us to attain new spiritual heights (Isa. 58:14).
 - We will be confident that the God of peace shall trample Satan under our feet and shall do it shortly and effectively (Rom. 16:20; Psa. 149:8, 9).
- (4) **With God’s help, Israel won the battle against five Amorite armies. Such a triumph was part of God’s daily business as He works with His people for victory.**
- Joshua told his men never to be afraid because God would give them similar victories over all enemies.
 - God has often protected us and won victories for us.
 - The same God who empowered Joshua and who has led us in the past will help us with the present and future needs.
 - Reminding ourselves of His help in the past will give us hope for the struggles that lie ahead.

- We should always remember that no matter what challenges or what lies ahead, He that is with us is greater than any challenges that will confront us!!

(c) **Divine warning** (Vv. 26-27)

- (1) Maybe the hopes of the five kings were that of being spared of execution.
 - Such was displayed by King Agag
1 Sam. 15:32 Amplified Bible
 “Then Samuel said, Bring here to me Agag king of the Amalekites. **And Agag came to him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.**” . . . (Note verse 33)
 - For these five kings (Josh. 10), their earthly honors were not excuses for how they lived nor to overlook the just sentence they deserved; their fate was determined by their deeds.
- (2) The five kings were executed and their bodies left hanging on trees until evening (v. 26)
 - Clarke comments on this act as follows:
 “Hanging alive seems a barbarous custom: among the Hebrews, criminals were first deprived of life; this was the debt required by justice: then they were hanged up, perhaps generally by the hands, not by the neck; this was done by the way of example, to deter others from committing the crimes for which they suffered.”
 - By executing and hanging the bodies on a tree was a symbol and warning of God’s rejection and judgment.
- (3) At sunset, the bodies of the five kings were sealed in the cave where they sought refuge and this serves as a **“warning memorial”** to all the unrighteous of the world.
 - **That which they thought would have been their shelter from all harm was made their prison first and then their grave.**
 - This also serves as a strong warning to all who think that they can flee from God (Note Psa. 139, NB Vv. 7-12)
 - If these kings had humbled themselves in time, and had sought peace instead of waging war, they might have saved their lives!
 - Unfortunately, the decree had gone forth and they found no place for repentance or the reversal of judgment (**1 Sam. 15:24-26**; Heb. 12:17)
 - The merciful God has given man an option (Isa. 55:7; etc.).
 - It’s up to man, a decision must be made (Matt. 7:13-14).
 - We must consider the preeminence of Christ message!! (Heb. 2:1-6, NB Vv. 3-4). It’s either or either **John 3:36**.

D. Conquest of the Southern Nations Josh. 10:28-43

1. **Chief Cities of the Coalition** (Josh. 10:28-39)

- (a) List of the chief fortified cities that were defeated.

- (1) The cities of three kings whom he had conquered in the field, that Joshua went and took possession.
- The city of Lachish (Vv. 31-32)
 - The city of Eglon (Vv. 34-35)
 - The city of Hebron (Vv. 36-37)

NOTE:

The two other cities that were not taken at this time were **Jerusalem** and **Jarmuth** ... their kings were executed (Josh. 10:22-27). Limited comments made in regards to Jerusalem below ... under "Campaign Summary" see the pointer: "Destroy all that breathed"

- (2) Three other royal cities were conquered
- The city of Makkedah (v. 28)
 - It was in this neighborhood the five kings hid in a cave, where they were executed and buried in the same cave (Vv. 17, 22-27).
 - Seemingly Joshua used the area for a temporary camp site during the campaign (v. 21).
 - The city of Libnah (Vv. 29, 30)
 - The city of Debir (Vv. 38, 39).
- (3) The city of Gezer was conquered; its king was Hiram (v. 33)
- This king with his forces decided to assist the city of Lachish but it resulted into their doom and destruction.
 - Matthew Henry note the following:
"Thus wicked men are often snared in their counsels and, by opposing God in the way of His judgments, bring them but sooner on their own head."

(b) Lifestyle of the Canaanites (*note before*)

- (1) The spiritual condition of the Canaanites help to explain the reasons for their destruction.
- (2) Israel was informed about these nations . . .

Lev. 18:24-25 NKJV

"Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, the land vomits out its inhabitants."

(*Note carefully Lev. 18; Deut. 9:5; 18:9*)

- (3) Destroying these evil nations clearly communicated God's message to the other nations as well as to Israel.
- This method of dealing with the enemies was one by which the remaining nations might most easily become convinced that the God of Israel was indeed the LORD of all the earth.

- It was also a method that vividly and vigorously enforced upon Israel that God would not tolerate sin.
- (4) As it relates to Israel's position, this was illustrated in a statement by the Apostle Paul: (*Rom. 11:22*)

Rom. 11:22 Amplified Bible

"Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you—provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away)."

2. Campaign Summary (Southern Campaign) (Josh. 10:40-42)

(a) Decisive and dedicated leadership

- (1) Joshua was loyal in waging constant warfare against the enemy.
- (2) He was faithful to God in seeking to conquer the enemies who opposed the people of God.
- (3) He implemented the brilliant strategy to conquer Jericho and march across the center of Canaan, cutting the land in half.
- (4) This followed by his plan to launch a southern campaign against the weaker city-states in the south and launch a northern campaign against the stronger city-states in the north (Josh. 11-12).
- (5) The victory over the five kings of the southern coalition (Josh. 10) sealed the doom of the city-states in the south.
- (6) Joshua marched the Israelite army from one city-state to the next, defeating army after army and conquering one enemy after another.
- (7) Joshua displayed loyalty to the LORD'S command, conducting continual warfare against the enemy, conquering the Promised Land and secure the inheritance promised by God (Gen. 12:7; 17:8; Ex. 6:4; Josh. 1:2; 5:6; etc.).
- (8) It is notable to observe how quickly and concisely Joshua conquered the cities in the southern campaign . . . all accomplished in one campaign (Josh. 10:42).
- (9) An important lesson to be learnt from Joshua's swift, focused efforts is, **a great deal of work can be accomplished in a little time, if we will be busy and improve our opportunities.**

***NOTE:** Because the geography of the area may not be known the detailed facts of the cities may not be easily understood, especially when we get to chapters 11 and 12. Do not be confused with the detailed facts, focus on that which is most essential. Below I have made a simple presentation.*

(b) "Destroyed all that breathed . . ." (Josh. 10:40 KJV)

- (1) This relates to a specific area as seen in v. 40.

- There were other areas that were not completely destroyed . . . at this time (Josh. 10).
- This fact is seen for example:
 - The Anakims still remained in Gaza (Josh. 11:22; 13:2-3).
 - Also the Jebusites continued to inhabit **Jerusalem** (Josh. 15:63)
 - As noted above, **Jerusalem** was not conquered at this time (Josh.10).
 - Eventually, **Jerusalem** was conquered without difficulty (Judges 1:8)
 - Scholars vary whether the Jebusites recaptured **Jerusalem** or the account here in Judges was a recording of when David conquered the city as seen in 2 Sam. 5:6-10.
- We also noted in Josh. 10:20 that some soldiers escaped into fenced cities.
- The above additional information should help to fill the summary statement in Josh. 10:40-42. Unfortunately, some cities were yet to be conquered even after Joshua's death.
- We should also note that Joshua gave the people warning against the remaining remnant in the Promised Land (Josh. 23:12).

(c) **Destroy the Canaanites**

*This topic was referred to several times, for example see Lesson 5 page 18 and briefly mentioned earlier in this lesson. **Note a Few Highlights:***

(1) Review (BRIEFLY) why destroy the Canaanites

- The command to destroy the Canaanites was made by God (Deut. 7:1-6; 13:15; 20:17; etc.)
- The ban placed upon the Canaanites was an act of divine judgment (See Lesson 5, pages 17 to 18).
- It was because of their gross wickedness why they were to be destroyed (Lev. 18, NB Vv. 24-25; Deut. 18, v.9).
- Chester O. Mulder notes:

“Evil Canaanites practices, too vile to be described, had become a very part of their religious and social life. The occupants of this land had made themselves odious in the sight of the Creator.”

(“odious”: extremely unpleasant; repulsive, offensive, abominable, etc.)

(2) Receive or reject God's mercy.

- The mercy of God had long been extended to the willing.
- These people knew of the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:16-19:29) but had continued to practice the same type of living.
- They knew of the defeat of Shion and Og (Num. 21:21-35) but they remained unrepentant.
- They knew that judgment was about to fall on them (Josh. 2:9-11; 9:24)
 - Despite the known facts of impending judgment, only Rahab (Josh. 2:9-14 and the Gibeonites (Josh. 9:3-27)sought mercy.

- What alternative the others took? They plotted defeat of God's purposes (Josh. 9:1-2; 10:1; 11:1-5).
- The same attitude continues throughout history, yet all along mercy had been made available and a call for man to take heed:

Heb. 3:15 NKJV

"... Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

- God, in His Word warns against rebellion ... a strong caution to the stubbornly sinful!!

Prov. 29:1 Amplified Bible

"He who, being often reprov'd, hardens his neck shall suddenly be destroyed—and that without remedy."

(3) Reveals the love of God

The extermination of these Canaanite nations was actually a manifestation of God's love.

- **First**, because the remaining nations were thus given a clear lesson that the God of Israel was LORD of the earth.
- **Second**, because His own people were thus protected from the contamination of these unclean nations.
- **Third**, as a result of establishing and preserving the new nation, all the world benefited, since through Israel the Redeemer came to mankind.

(d) **Divine enabling** (Josh. 10:42)

As a reminder, do not be confused with the geographical features; however the following is presented as simple as possible.

- (1) The amazing success of the southern campaign: These cities were conquered in **one campaign** because the LORD fought for His people!!
- (2) The area conquered included these territories: the mountain or hill country, the Negev or Southern-most part of Canaan, the Western foothills or the Shephelah, and the mountain or wilderness slopes.
- (3) The outer boundaries conquered during the southern campaign were as follows (v. 41):
 - The south: Kadesh-Barnea
 - The north: Gaza
 - The east side: from Goshen to Gibeon
- (4) The success of the campaign was a magnificent conquest.
 - All these enemies and lands were conquered in one campaign.
 - **They could not have gotten the victory if God had not undertaken the battle; we will conquer when God fights for us; and if He be for us, who can be against us?**

3. **Comeback/Time to Refresh** (Josh. 10:43)

It has been argued that v.15, actually refers to when the battle was completed as noted in v. 43.

(a) Now that the southern campaign was completed, they returned to Gilgal.

(1) Joshua was loyal in establishing a base camp for physical and spiritual renewal.

(2) The campaign was a long and demanding one.

- There is no doubt that the soldiers were weary.
- These men were in action for a while, their bodies needed rest, and their spirits needed to be revitalized and renewed.
- Because of the need of his soldiers Joshua did not occupy the cities immediately. Instead he led his forces back to Gilgal for much needed rest and spiritual renewal.

(b) We have all had the experience where we need to be refreshed.

(1) There are times when we need physical and spiritual renewal.

- Such is a natural experience when we do become physically exhausted and the only remedy is to have rest.
- God will not condemn us when we are overly tired, stretched out and stressed, needing some rest.
- In fact, God expects us to rest when we need rest and for us to gain spiritual renewal when we need to be renewed.

(2) The need for physical rest should not be underestimated because such is necessary if we are to function effectively.

- I am not referring to nor encouraging laziness, slothfulness, etc.; there is work to be done and we need to be spiritually and physically fit in order to be effective therefore proper rest plays an important part.

(This is another subject that needs a separate study . . . I will close with the following pointers).

- Jesus Himself sets the example (*I am highlighting only four references*):

➤ **He took time off after a busy schedule** Mark. 6, NB Vv. 30-32 (Matt. 14:22-23)

➤ **He simply desired rest** Mark. 4:35-41, NB v. 38.

➤ **He wanted solitude ... just to get away from the crowd** Mark 7:24

***Note:** He entered a house and wanted no one to know it ... unfortunately His presence was known.*

➤ **Before making major decisions ... we all need those special moments alone with God!!** Luke 6:12-13

- There are times when we just need to slow down and quit, stop and rest, **renew our bodies and our spirits. Rest is found in Jesus Christ!!**

➤ **Matt. 11:28-30 Amplified Bible**

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.[Jer. 6:16.]

For my yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious. And pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.”

➤ See also John 14:27; Rom. 12:2; Heb. 4:3; Ex. 33:14; Psa. 29:11; Isa. 40:31; etc.

➤ **Isa. 28:12 Amplified Bible**

“To these [complaining Jews the Lord] had said, This is the true rest [the way to true comfort and happiness] that you shall give to the weary, and This is the [true] refreshing—yet they would not listen [to His teaching.”

➤ **Isa. 26:3 LASB**

“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!”

- (c) The battles continues and we are seeing a troubled, confused, restless, etc. world but just as Israel conquered the enemies and found time for rest and refreshing even so everyone can experience genuine tranquility in Jesus Christ!!

The song: “Wonderful Peace” *(Partial Quote)*

Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight
Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;
In celestial strains it unceasingly falls
O’er my soul like an infinite calm.

Peace, peace, wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above!
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray
In fathomless billows of love!

Ah, soul! Are here without comfort and rest,
Marching down the rough pathway of time?
Make Jesus your Friend ere the shadows grow dark;
O accept of this peace so sublime!

What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace,
Buried deep in the heart of my soul,
So secure that no power can mine it away,
While the years of eternity roll!

2 Tim. 2:15

KJV: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Lesson 9B Review Questions

1. In your own words explain the following statement:
“The Church is a called-out community in a hostile world.”

2. Complete the following:
“We can find the (a) _____ sure (b) _____ to freedom by (c) _____ serving God the (d) _____. God can set you (e) _____ to be the (f) _____. He (g) _____ you to be.”

3. In what way does the character of Joshua seen as remarkable and outstanding in his response to help the Gibeonites?

4. Complete by choosing the correct answer:
“The Gibeonites discovered that identification with God’s people _____ they had anticipated.
(a) was discouraging and demeaning
(b) was much better than
(c) was not as worthwhile as
(d) was confusing, discouraging as

5. (a) Answer True or False. (b) Explain you answer.
"God does only what He can do and He expects us to make ourselves available to fulfill His will."

6. Briefly explain what is communicated in Psa. 57:4.

7. (a) briefly explain why some scholars are critical of Joshua's prayer for the sun and moon to stand still (Josh. 10:12). (b) How would you respond to such criticism?

8. (a) Answer True or False. (b) Explain your answer.
"The precise method God used to prolong the day as Joshua requested (Josh. 10:12) is given in Scripture."

9. (a) How does God’s sovereignty over nature promotes His spiritual kingdom? (b) List at least two examples with references.

10. Complete the following:

In reference to God prolonging the day as Joshua requested.

“Whatever (a) _____ God used, the (b) _____ of that
(c) _____ was an (d) _____ answer to a (e) _____
(f) _____.”

11. How would you explain that Joshua’s prayer (Josh. 10:12) was not a prayer of ignorance or a display of impulsiveness?

12. In his prayer for God to prolong the day, (Josh. 10:12) what was made evident about Joshua as a dedicated leader?

13. Briefly explain how Joshua could have been humiliated by this bold prayer (Josh. 10:12).

14. (a) What was the sole purpose why Joshua wanted the day extended (Josh. 10:12-14)?
(b) Why was the day regarded as being unique?

15. What are the known facts about the Book of Jasher? (Josh. 10:13b)?

16. List the areas of significance, as it relates to this miracle, that extends beyond the day of the victory and its decisive victory (Josh. 10:12-14).

17. Joshua's prayer (Josh. 10:12-14) was beyond ordinary, yet God answered; what significant lesson was taught to all believers as a result?

18. The five kings of the southern coalition were originally confident of victory in their attack against Gibeon. Briefly explain the change they experienced and displayed as the battle progressed and they were being defeated. What option they sought in trying to escape?

19. When Joshua was informed about the hiding where the five kings sought refuge: (a) what steps were taken and why? (b) Briefly note what lesson was taught as a result of the action taken by Joshua at this time.

20. Explain the following: "None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel" (Josh. 10:21b KJV).

21. (a) In general, what was the custom symbolized in the ancient North East, when the victor placed their feet on their captives' neck? (b) How did it relate to Israel as noted in Josh. 10:24?

22. When Joshua directed his officers to place their feet on the necks of the kings (Josh. 10:24), he was acting by divine direction and instinct. What two things were revealed as a result of this act?

23. In what way did the charge given by Joshua to his officers to be fearless (Josh. 10:25) was applicable at the time it was given as well as in the future?

24. The five kings of the southern coalition were executed: (a) how was it done and why not hung by the neck until they die? (b) Why the bodies were hung on trees until evening?

25. In what way did the cave in which the five kings were buried served as a “**warning memorial**”?

26. In regards to the five Canaanite cities (Josh. 10:3) which two were not totally conquered during the southern campaign (Jos. 10)?

27. Complete the following:

“Thus (a) _____ men are often (b) _____ in their (c) _____ and, by (d) _____ God in the way of His (e) _____, bring them but (f) _____ on their (g) _____ head.”

28. What is one important lesson learnt from Joshua’s swift and focused effort displayed in conquering southern Canaan?

29. (a) Answer True or False. (b) Explain your answer.

“The Canaanite nations were to be destroyed but they never had a chance to seek God’s mercy.”

30. In what ways did the extermination of the Canaanite nations manifested the love of God?
