

The Gibeonite Deception

Joshua 9

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Introduction

- This part of the narrative is a study in _____
- More importantly, this passage is an exposition and exploration into _____ and the way _____ to God

Explanation of the Text

Implications of the text: There are three ways to respond to God

1. _____ – vs. 1-2
 - The kings heard what happened and rallied their armies to fight
 - The irrational nature of sin
 - _____
2. _____
 - The Gibeonites heard what happened and devised a plan of surrender
 - In the economy of God, surrender is the path to victory
 - _____
3. _____
 - Though Joshua was deceived they honoured their vow in keeping with the word of God
 - _____
 - “Let God’s promises shine on your problems.” – **Corrie Ten Boom**
 - “We must come under the influence of the promise and live upon the promise.” – **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

Application of the text

1. Before you embark on a self-destructive mission, ask yourself _____?
 - Pray from _____
 - James 1.5
 - Look for _____
 - 1Corinthians 10.13
 - Practice the _____ of Christ
 - Matthew 28.20
2. The deception worked because Israel’s leaders failed to seek the counsel of God. How can we _____ the counsel of God? Through...
 - _____
 - 2Timothy 3.16
 - Seeking wisdom for _____
 - Solomon’s prayer 1Kings 3.9
 - The _____ of people we trust and respect
 - 1Chronicles 13
3. Israel kept their promise and the Gibeonites received a better life than what seemed to others. We’re in the same boat. Value your _____ in the kingdom of God
 - a. Sons and daughters –
 - i. _____
 - b. Heirs of the promise –
 - ii. _____
 - c. Free –
 - iii. _____

Conclusion

- This passage is about people hearing about God and _____ differently
- This passage is a reminder to _____ in important decisions
- This passage exhorts us to act with _____ and _____