

# Joshua

Sermon Notes – March 8, 2020

[#14] *Enemies Under Our Feet*

Joshua 10:1–43 (Pt. 2)

## Children's Sermon: Bold Action from God's Protection

### Rock Climbing

**Hebrews 13:5–6** (Cf. Matthew 10:29 – Sparrow...)

<sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "***I will never leave you nor forsake you.***" <sup>6</sup> So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

- The Christian life is learning to trust that Jesus has us

### The Battle at Gibeon (10:1–15)

(5 Kings)

Notes:

<sup>8</sup> And the Lord said to Joshua, "***Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.***" <sup>9</sup> So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up *all night* from Gilgal.



<sup>10</sup> And **the Lord threw them into a panic before Israel**, ~~with~~ (and) struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.



### Original Meaning

2. Covenant Loyalty (God's Promises, Israel's Obedience)
4. God's Supernatural Power
5. All Israel

### Main Point for Israel:

With Yahweh none of their enemies can stand before them!

### All Israel's Enemies Will be Put Under their Feet (10:16–28)

#### I. An Abrupt Transition

<sup>15</sup> So Joshua returned, and **all Israel with him**, to the camp at *Gilgal*. <sup>16</sup> These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. ... <sup>43</sup> Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at *Gilgal*.

#### II. A Memorable Event: 5 Kings Executed (10:16-27)

- A. A Few More Battle Details (10:16–21)

<sup>19</sup> but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. **Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand.**”

<sup>20</sup> When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, <sup>21</sup> then *all the people returned safe to Joshua* in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel (“no one sharpened his tongue,” Ex. 11:7).

#### B. Canaan’s Kings Put Under their Feet (10:22–27)

<sup>24</sup> ... **put their feet on their necks.** <sup>25</sup> And Joshua said to them, *“Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.”* (hang & bury)

#### III. 7 Cities Defeated in Southern Canaan (10:28–43)

<sup>28</sup> As for Makkedah, Joshua captured it on that day and struck it, and its king, with the edge of the sword. He *devoted to destruction* every person in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho. ... (**Libnah, Lachish**)



<sup>33</sup> *Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish.* And Joshua struck him and his people, until he left none remaining. ... (**Eglon, Hebron, Debir**)

<sup>40</sup> So Joshua struck the whole land, *the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes*, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but devoted to destruction all that breathed, **just as the LORD God of Israel commanded.**

<sup>41</sup> And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, as far as Gibeon. <sup>42</sup> And Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because *the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.* <sup>43</sup> Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

#### **Author’s Main Point for Israel:**

To strengthen Israel’s faith leading them to take bold action.

#### **Original Meaning**

1. Israel’s confidence for the **physical battle...**
2. An urgent reminder to be diligent in the **spiritual battle...**

## Jesus is Placing Our Enemies Under Our Feet

The past victories of Jesus strengthen us for future battles.



### I. Past Victories

#### A. Pentecost (A Memorable Event, 3,000)

#### **Acts 2:33–38**

<sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>

For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “*The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”*”



<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore *know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ*, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart... <sup>38</sup>

And Peter said to them, “*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ* for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”

B. The Acts of the Apostles, Spread of Gospel, Revivals

C. Our Personal Conversion (Cf. Phi. 1:6)

D. Personal Spiritual Growth (Cf. Phi. 2:12–13)

### II. Future Battles

#### A. Jesus has Promised Us Victory

#### **Matthew 16:18**

<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and **the gates of hell** shall not prevail against it.

#### **Romans 16:19–20**

<sup>19</sup> For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon *crush Satan under your feet*. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

#### **Romans 8:37–39**

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things *we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else

in all creation, will be able to separate us *from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*.

## B. What Does Bold Spiritual Warfare Look Like?

### 2 Corinthians 10:3–5

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For *the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds*.

<sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive to obey Christ...**

1. Faith in God's Power (Cf. Rom. 8:1-11)
2. Prayerful Meditation on God's Word
3. Boldly Attacking the World, Flesh & Devil: E.g. ...
  - a. Dealing with our sin (think, love & act)
  - b. Engaging our culture (truth, error & Jesus)
  - c. Pursuing the lost (prayer, care & share)