

# Sermon Notes – February 23, 2020

[#12] *God's Supernatural Help with Gibeon*

## Joshua 9:1–27

### Children's Sermon: Keeping Our Promises

#### Psalm 15:1–4 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? <sup>2</sup> Those who... do what is right... <sup>4</sup> Those who... *keep their promises even when it hurts.*

- Can you think of a promise that “hurt” to keep? (e.g. giving away fluffy)
- Why do you think God thinks it so important for us to keep our promises?
- Did God make a promise to Adam? Abraham? David?
- What did it cost Him to keep that promise?

#### Big Picture

- I. **Victorious Conquest (1–12)** – Narrative
- II. **Tribal Inheritance (13–22)** – Territory Lists
- III. **Covenant Loyalty (23–24)** – Speeches

#### Victorious Conquest (1–12)

- I. **Preparation for Conquest: Be Strong & Courageous (1:1–18)**
  - A. God Commands Joshua (1–9)
  - B. Joshua Commands the People (10–15)
  - C. All Israel Pledge their Obedience (16–18)
- II. **Victories Over Two Cities (2–8)**
  - A. Jericho (2:1–6:27) – Supernatural Power, Rahab
  - B. Ai (7:1–8:29) – Two Heaps
  - C. Covenant Affirmations (8:30–35) – Covenant Loyalty
- III. **Victories Over Two Alliances (9–12)**
  - A. The Canaanites Gather to Fight against Joshua and Israel (9:1–2)
  - B. Victory Over the Southern Alliance (9:3–10:43)
    1. **The Gibeonite Deception** (9:3–27)
    2. Protecting the Gibeonites (10:1–43)
  - C. Victory Over the Northern Alliance (11:1–23)
  - D. List of Conquered Kings & Land (12:1–24)

Notes:

#### Consequences of Failure & Divine Sovereignty (9:1–2)

<sup>1</sup> As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan... heard of this, <sup>2</sup> they *gathered together as one to fight* against Joshua and Israel.

## Joshua 11:19–20

<sup>19</sup> There was not a city that made peace with the people of Israel except the Hivites, the inhabitants of **Gibeon**. They took them all in battle. <sup>20</sup> *For it was the LORD's doing to harden their hearts* that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the LORD commanded Moses.

### The Gibeonite Deception (9:3–27)

(Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim)

#### I. ...Aiming at Obedience (7-14a)

<sup>14</sup> So the men took some of their provisions...

#### II. ...Did not Ask for Supernatural Assistance (14b; Ex. 28:30 Urim & Thummim; Num. 27:21)

<sup>14b</sup> ...*but did not ask counsel from the Lord.* 

#### III. ...Did the Next Right Thing (Cpt. 10; 2 Sam. 21:1–2)

#### IV. The Gibeonites become Servants of Yahweh (They Did their HW)

<sup>8</sup> They said to Joshua, “We are *your servants*.” (v. 9 & 11)

A. They knew Canaan was devoted to destruction. (24–25; Deut. 20:16–18)

<sup>24</sup> They answered Joshua, “Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the Lord your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—

B. They knew covenants were permitted to outsiders. (Deut. 20:10–15)

C. They knew that it was “**good & right**” (Deut. 12:28) for Israel to **keep their oaths**. (Lev. 19:11–12)

<sup>25</sup> And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems **good and right** in your sight to do to us, do it.”

#### V. Meaning for Ancient Israel

A. It was Important to Keep their Sworn Oath

B. Reminder to Ask Yahweh for Help

C. The Supernatural Protection from Satan's Ploy (Gen. 3)

#### **Main Point for Israel:**

Yahweh is always with us giving us his supernatural protection!

## Jesus is God with Us!

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### I. Inauguration (The Person & Work of Jesus)

- A. Jesus Never Forgot to Ask For His Father's Help (For sight – Luke 3:21–22; 9:18–20, 28–35; for help – Luke 5:15–16)



#### Luke 22:39–46

<sup>39</sup> And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the **Mount of Olives**, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, “**Pray that you may not enter into temptation.**” <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and **knelt down and prayed**, <sup>42</sup> saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” <sup>43</sup> **And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.** <sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup> And **when he rose from prayer**, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? **Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.**”

- B. God Kept the Promise He Made to Lying, Self-Serving Humanity! (Jesus Died for Gibeonites Like Us)



### I. Continuation (Jesus Work in & through Us)

- A. Remember To Pray! (Cf. Luke 22:39–46 above)

#### John 14:15–17

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, **you will keep my commandments.** <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

- B. When we Sin Unintentionally...  
1. Remember Jesus is right here with us... He will still help us!  
2. If God is for us...
- C. When we See How Self-Serving Our Repentance is...  
1. God keeps his promises to selfish Gibeonites like us!

2. Giving up all of our plans and dreams are worth the privilege of serving in the majestic courts of our savior!

**Psalm 65:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. <sup>2</sup> O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. <sup>3</sup> When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> ***Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!*** We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!