

WORD ON WEDNESDAYS

JOSHUA 9



KEY QUESTIONS

- What does God require of me? (To keep, improve, start, stop?)
- What have I learned (about God) today?
- What questions do I have in mind?

P_____ if possible, t_____ at all costs.

Martin Luther

- Theme: C_____ and D_____
- Key verse: Joshua _____ : _____



This Book of the Law shall not d_____ from your m_____, but you shall m_____ on it d_____ and n_____, so that you may be c_____ to d_____ according to all that is w_____ in it. For then you will make your way p_____, and then you will have g_____ s_____.

- Breakdown of Joshua:
 - Commission of Joshua
 - Enter the Land
 - C_____ the Land
 - D_____ the Land
 - Death of Joshua
- Purpose: 1 Corinthians ____:____



Don't m_____ God's b_____ for our lives.



JOSHUA 9:1-2

¹ As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this,
² they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.

① Tension

- What did they hear? Israelites had conquered J_____ and A_____.



Notes: _____



JOSHUA 9:3-13

³ But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

⁴ they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended,

⁵ with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly.

⁶ And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us."

⁷ But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?"

⁸ They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?"

⁹ They said to him, "From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard a report of him, 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 the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth.

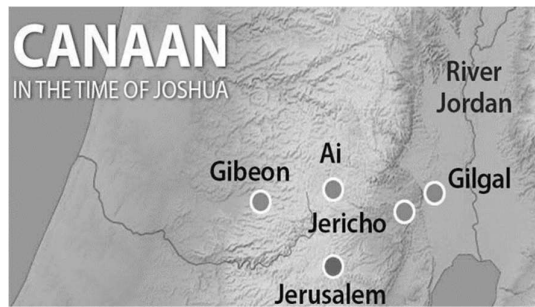
¹¹ So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us."'

¹² Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly.

¹³ These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey."

② Interrupt

- 2 strategies used: Head to head c_____ / d_____
- Like a devouring l_____ / deceiving s_____
(1 Peter 5:8 / 2 Corinthians 11:3)



Circle Gilgal and Gibeon in the map.

③ Cross References (Deuteronomy 20:10–13, 16–17)

- Gibeonites are also known as the H_____
- 3 forms of deception:
A_____, false e_____, L_____



Notes: _____



JOSHUA 9:14-16

¹⁴ So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD.

¹⁵ And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

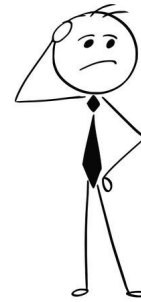
¹⁶ At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbours and that they lived among them.

- The main problem lies not with the G_____ but the I_____.

④ Use of our 5 senses

- They could have relied on

- what they s_____
- what they h_____
- what they t_____
- what they s_____
- what they t_____



- For we walk by f_____, not by s_____.

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

- The Israelites should have a _____ God (James 1:5).



Notes: _____



JOSHUA 5:17-21

¹⁷ And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim.

¹⁸ But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders.

¹⁹ But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them.

²⁰ This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them."

²¹ And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

⑤ Background (Gibeon)

- Consisted of _____ cities
- L_____ than Ai
- In c_____ Canaan
- An i_____ city
- An i_____ city



Notes: _____



JOSHUA 5:22-27

²² Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, “Why did you deceive us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you dwell among us?”

²³ Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.”

²⁴ 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—so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing.

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

²⁶ So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them.

²⁷ But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place that he should choose.

⑥ Comparison

Rahab	Gibeonites

⑦ Genre (Historical Narrative)



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SUMMARY

Don't miss God's best for our lives –

1. Keep walking by f_____
2. Keep a_____ God
3. Keep our p_____



REFLECTION

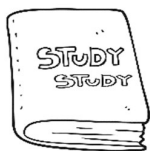
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HOMEWORK

- Read Joshua 9–10
- List the lies that you might have believed in and what does God say about each of them?



STUDY BEHIND THE STUDY

- ① Tension
- ② Interrupt
- ③ Cross References
- ④ Use of our 5 senses
- ⑤ Background
- ⑥ Comparison
- ⑦ Genre

Schedule for Word on Wednesdays 2020

No	Date	Topic	Text
1	22-Jan-20	Commission of Joshua / Overview	Joshua 1
2	12-Feb-20	Collaboration with Rahab	Joshua 2
3	26-Feb-20	Crossing the Jordan River	Joshua 3
4	11-Mar-20	Construct of Memorial Stones	Joshua 4
5	1-Apr-20	Circumcision before Conquer	Joshua 5
6	8-Apr-20	Conquest of Jericho	Joshua 6
7	15-Apr-20	Consequences of Achan's sin	Joshua 7
8	22-Apr-20	Conquer of Ai with Covenant Renewed	Joshua 8
9	29-Apr-20	Campaign in the South (Gibeonites)	Joshua 9
10	6-May-20	Conquer of 5 Amorite Kings	Joshua 10