

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of Joshua - Israel's journey of faith into the Promised Land.
- * We have seen the expression of Rahab's faith and of that of the Priests and the nation.
- * We have seen Israel go from the thrill of victory to the agony of defeat ... to the thrill of victory once again!
- * They learned that their failure at Ai was a result of their failure to seek God's counsel and be consecrated
- * However ... isn't that how most of our life goes? We learn a lesson and then, "however ..."!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE REACTION OF THE CANNITES (9:1-2)

A. The Observation of Their Reaction (v. 1, 24)

1. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITIES
2. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LAND (cf. 8:30-35)

B. The Outcome of Their Reaction (v. 2)

1. TO FIGHT AGAINST J _____
2. TO FIGHT AGAINST G _____ (cf. Joshua 10)

II. THE DECEPTION OF THE GIBONITES

A. The Background of the Deception

1. THEY WERE AWARE OF THE LEAGUE BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE KINGS (v. 1-2)
2. THEY WERE AWARE OF THE COMMAND OF YHWH TO MOSES (v. 24)

B. The Evidence of the Deception (v. 3-15)

1. THE CANNINESS OF THE GIBONITES (v. 3-13)
2. THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE ISRAELITES (v. 14-15)

C. The Evidence of the Deception (v. 15-27)

1. THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT
 - a. Israel Would Not Attack Them (v. 18)
 - b. Gibeon Would Be Israel's Servants (v. 21)
2. THE RESULTS OF THE COVENANT
 - a. The Short-Term
 - b. The Long-Term (cf. 2 Samuel 21:1-9)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW DO YOU COME TO YOUR DECISIONS? DO YOU REMEMBER TO CONSULT THE LORD?
- * HOW FAITHFUL ARE YOU TO HONOR YOUR COMMITMENTS AND COVENANTS?
- * WE MUST BE AWARE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO THE ENEMY'S TERRITORY THAT OPPOSITION WILL ARISE!

WE MUST KEEP SEEKING GOD'S COUNSEL AND STRENGTH!

- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK?