

Joshua Lesson 11 – We Met the Enemy – Our Neighbor (Joshua 9-10:28)

I. Mistakes

- Mistakes are bound to happen.
- “It’s only those who do nothing that make no mistakes.”
- Doing **(1)** _____ will be Joshua’s mistake.
- Believing the **(12)** _____ instead of seeking the Lord always leads to trouble.

II. Believing the Enemy (Joshua 9:1–2)

- After Israel reaffirmed their commitment to God, the kings of Canaan united against them.
- The confederation itself was not the real problem — the men from **(2)** _____ were.
- Blessing often brings attacks **(3)** _____ obedience.
- Satan does not always run the same play; God’s people must remain alert.
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III. Gibeonite Deceit (Joshua 9:3–5)

- Gibeon was only about 25 miles from Gilgal.
- The Gibeonites deliberately acted with deception.
- Their worn clothing and supplies gave the appearance of a long journey.
- The enemy knows Scripture and knows how to **(4)** _____ it.
- Satan disguises himself as an angel of light and has **(5)** _____ apostles.
- Many are deceived by what merely appears right.

IV. Gibeonite Lies (Joshua 9:6–13)

- Satan is a **(6)** _____ and the father of lies (John 8:44).
- The Gibeonites claimed they came from a distant **(7)** _____.
- They spoke of Israel’s **(8)** _____ but avoided mentioning Jericho and Ai.
- Satan’s most effective weapon is often **(9)** _____ deception.

V. Why the Gibeonites Succeeded (Joshua 9:14–15)

- Israel examined the evidence but did not **(10)** _____ the Lord.
- Human reasoning replaced divine direction.
- This repeated the same mistake Israel made at Ai.
- God’s people are not customers seeking options, but **(11)** _____ listening for orders.

VI. A Broken Covenant (Joshua 9:16–27)

- Israel entered into a covenant with the (12) _____.
- The covenant could not be broken because it was sworn in the Lord’s name.
- The leaders remained men of their (13) _____.
- The entire community (14) _____ against the leaders.
- Scripture gives (15) _____ evidence the Gibeonites later became a problem for Israel.

VII. Defending the Enemy (Joshua 10:1–7)

- The kings of Canaan (16) _____ to capture Gibeon.
- When destruction loomed, the Gibeonites cried out to Joshua.
- “(17) _____ is salvation” — a picture of sinners turning to the Lord.
- Joshua honored his covenant and went to defend them.

VIII. The Lord Fights for Israel (Joshua 10:8–15)

Three Factors to Success

1. The Promise

- God had already promised (18) _____.
- Faith believes God and obeys His Word.

2. The Strategy

- Israel marched all night, showing complete (19) _____ in God.
- God sent hailstones that struck only the enemy.

3. The Prayer

- The sun and moon stood (20) _____.
- If God (21) _____ suspend the laws He created, He would be limited by His creation.
- Some argue God caused it to (22) _____ that the day was extended.

IX. Final Victory (Joshua 10:16–28)

- God had already (23) _____ Israel the victory.
- The defeated kings became a visible reminder that the Lord’s enemies are His (24) _____.

X. Key Truth

When God’s people fail to seek Him, consequences follow — but God remains sovereign and turns even mistakes into victory.

Answer Key

1. NOTHING
2. GIBEON
3. AFTER
4. USE
5. FALSE
6. LIAR
7. COUNTRY
8. CONQUESTS
9. RELIGIOUS
10. CONSULT
11. SERVANTS
12. ENEMY
13. WORD
14. GRUMBLED
15. NO
16. NEEDED
17. JEHOVAH
18. VICTORY
19. TRUST
20. STILL
21. CAN’T
22. APPEAR
23. GIVEN
24. FOOTSTOOL