

A Daring Deception

Joshua 9

I. The Deception (vs. 1-13)

A. Plan of the Canaanite kings (vs. 1-2)
“they came together to wage war”

B. Plan of the Gibeonites (vs. 3-13)
“they resorted to a ruse” (acted craftily)

Genesis 3:1

1. False appearances (vs. 4-5)
2. Lying (vs. 6-7) – “we have come from a distant country”
 - a) treaties with distant nations were acceptable (**Deuteronomy 20:10,15**)
 - b) treaties with nations in the land of Canaan were not acceptable. (**Deuteronomy 20: 16-18**)
3. Flattery (vs. 8-9a)
4. Subtle deceit (vs. 9b-13)

Satan our deceiver

false appearance – **2 Corinthians 11:14**
lying – “father of lies”
flattery – “you are inherently good”; “you can do this”
subtle deceit

We need to be alert because we are living in enemy occupied territory.

II. The Blunder (vs. 14-17)

A. Failure to ask God (**James 1:5**)

Proverbs 3:5-6

S.D. Gordon – ***“You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you can’t do more than pray until you have prayed.”***

B. Failure to *wait* for God (vs. 16)
3 days later – they discover the truth

III. The Integrity (vs. 18-21)

A. The leader's actions (vs. 18-19)
A promise made is a promise kept.
Psalms 15:1-4

B. Joshua’s decision (vs. 20-21)

1. Let them live
2. Let them serve

Deuteronomy 20:11

IV. The Grace (vs. 22-27)

A. Curse with a blessing (vs. 22-23)
“under a curse”
However, they will be serving “for the house of my God.”

B. A humble response (vs. 24-25)

C. A gracious result (vs. 26-27)

1. Joshua saves their lives
2. The Gibeonites provided for the needs of the altar of the Lord

Even a cursed foreigner can become part of the covenant life of God’s people

Ephesians 2:12-13

Hebrews 6:17-18