

The Longest Day

Joshua 10:1-15

Introduction

- **Sometimes the trouble we face comes from making foolish decisions.**
- **Sometimes the trouble we face comes from doing the right thing.**

I. A Plea for Help (vs. 1-6)

A. From Adoni – Zedek (vs. 1-5)

“heard” – they heard about the Israelites and were afraid. Why?

- 1) The Israelites had utterly destroyed Jericho, Ai
- 2) The Israelites had separated Canaan between north and south
- 3) The surrender of the Gibeonites caused these kings to be afraid

B. From Gibeon (vs. 6)

Gibeonites showed great humility

Israelites showed great integrity

Just as Joshua kept his promise to save the Gibeonite people, so God keeps His promise to save His people.

Hebrews 6:17-18

II. A Divine Response (vs. 7-15)

A. God’s Reassurance (vs. 7-8)

echoes of **Joshua 1:5-7**

B. Joshua’s response (vs. 9)

“all-night hike”

C. God’s Intervention (vs. 10-15)

1. Overthrowing the Amorites (vs. 10) – “The Lord threw them into confusion”

All 4 verbs in verse 10 are singular, indicating that it was God doing it

2. Hailstorm (vs. 11) - “the Lord hurled”

a) a late spring, early summer hailstorm would have been a rarity.

b) the aim and timing were evidence of the hand of God

3. Longest day (vs. 12-13) – “The Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel”

a. The prayer

A public request

A bold request

b. The miracle

How was the length of day extended?

a) slowing of the earth’s rotation

b) tilting of the earth’s axis

c) a miracle of reflection of light

d) simply the presence of God

4. A unique day (vs. 14-15)

Giving our problems to God is not the hard part. The hard part is leaving them there.

1 Peter 5:7 - “**cast** all your anxieties on him because he cares for you”