

Joshua 10:27 “At sunset Joshua gave the order and they took them down from the poles and threw them into the cave where they had been hiding. At the mouth of the cave, they placed large rocks, which are there to this day.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We never face our problems alone.

Deuteronomy 31:8 “The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be dismayed.”

Joshua 1:9 “Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

B. We can always cling to God’s promises especially during trials.

Joshua 10:8 “The Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”

Romans 15:4 “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

C. We should believe that God’s power is not limited.

Jeremiah 32:17 “Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.”

Jeremiah 32:27 “I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”

Matthew 19:26 “Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Luke 1:37 “For nothing is impossible with God.”

Help Us! Joshua 10:1-15 Lesson #15 1/12/25

I. The Gibeonites were faced with imminent danger.

A. Adoni-Zedek was alarmed because of Gibeon’s peace treaty.

Joshua 10:1 “Now Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and had become their allies.”

Joshua 10:2 “He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters.”

B. Adoni-Zedek appealed to other kings to fight Gibeon.

Joshua 10:3 “So Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon.”

Joshua 10:4 “Come up and help me attack Gibeon,” he said, “because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites.”

C. Adoni-Zedek & his allies attacked Gibeon.

Joshua 10:5 “Then the five kings of the Amorites—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon—joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it.”

II. The Gibeonites asked for immediate help.

A. Joshua received an urgent message to help with the battle.

Joshua 10:6 “The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.”

B. Joshua and his army marched to the place of battle.

Joshua 10:7 “So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men.”

Joshua 10:8 “The Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”

Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

C. Joshua and his army met the enemy in battle.

Joshua 10:9 “After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise.”

III. The Gibeonites and the Israelites saw God intervene.

A. God used confusion to win the battle.

Joshua 10:10 “The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah.”

B. God used colossal hail stones to win the battle.

Joshua 10:11 “As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.”

Job 38:22 “Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail.”

Job 38:23 “Which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle.”

C. God used the heavenly bodies of His creation to win the battle.

1. Joshua prayed for the sun and moon to stand still.

Joshua 10:12 “On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”

Joshua 10:13 “So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.”

Joshua 10:14 “There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!”

Joshua 10:15 “Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.”

2. Joshua’s men placed rocks over the cave entrance.

Joshua 10:16 “Now the five kings had fled and hidden in the cave at Makkedah.”

Joshua 10:17 “When Joshua was told that the five kings had been found hiding in the cave at Makkedah.”

Joshua 10:18 “He said, “Roll large rocks up to the mouth of the cave, and post some men there to guard it.”

3. Joshua told his men to pursue the enemy.

Joshua 10:19 “But don’t stop; pursue your enemies! Attack them from the rear and don’t let them reach their cities, for the Lord your God has given them into your hand.”

Joshua 10:20 “So Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely, but a few survivors managed to reach their fortified cities.”

Joshua 10:21 “The whole army then returned safely to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah, and no one uttered a word against the Israelites.”

4. Joshua put the five kings to death.

Joshua 10:22 “Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me.”

Joshua 10:23 “So they brought the five kings out of the cave—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon.”

Joshua 10:24 “When they had brought these kings to Joshua, he summoned all the men of Israel and said to the army commanders who had come with him, “Come here and put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So, they came forward and placed their feet on their necks.”

Joshua 10:25 “Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the Lord will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.”

Joshua 10:26 “Then Joshua put the kings to death and exposed their bodies on five poles, and they were left hanging on the poles until evening.”