

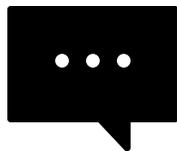
8.3 THE PROVISION OF PEACE

God is their strength. God is their protector. God is their victory.

THIS WEEK



Israelites had learned an important lesson: victory was theirs if they obeyed God; defeat was certain if they relied upon themselves



JOSHUA 10:4-11

4 "Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with **Joshua** and with the people of Israel." 5 Then the **five kings of the Amorites**, the **king of Jerusalem**, the **king of Hebron**, the **king of Jarmuth**, the **king of Lachish**, and the **king of Eglon**, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped **against Gibeon and made war against it**. 6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, "**Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.**" 7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 **And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you."** 9 So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. 10 And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11 And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- When the kings near Jericho and Ai heard about how these two cities had fallen, they formed an alliance to fight against the invading Israelites
- All except for the Gibeonites, some of them pretended they had journeyed from far away and convinced Joshua to sign a treaty of peace.
- Joshua fell for the trap because he did not consult God first.

What would you do if you were Joshua?

Run Away

Ask God For Help

Text a Friend

Do Everything on Your Own

- God reminded Joshua that victory was based on who God is and what He would do, not on who the Israelites were and what they could do.
- Even though the Gibeonites tried to lie to Joshua, he still helped them.
- God gave Joshua the opportunity to honor the word he had given the Gibeonites. God provided the battle that would reveal His power. God promised the victory and provided that victory—in its entirety.

DISCUSSION

- What are some ways we tend to try to “play it safe” today, even if that path takes us away from God?
- How is it comforting to know that God can be glorified and bring good from anything, even our mistakes?
- What are some battles we face today as Christians?

Pray over your highs and ask God to be with you in your lows.

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