



February Sermon Series

Lessons From the Book of Joshua

Chapter 9

Lesson Nine:

Befriending Your Enemy

“The enemy is not fighting you because you’re weak. He’s fighting you because you’re strong.”

“The most valuable lessons in life cannot be taught, they must be experienced.”

1. Jericho - A Type Of The World - It was defeated, and we have the promise of victory over the world in our walk with the Lord Jesus.

1 John 5:4, For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

2. Ai - A Type Of The Flesh - It, too, was defeated, and we have the promise of victory in the flesh as we battle for the Lord Jesus. **Romans 7:24-25**, O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

3. Gibeon - A Type Of The Devil - This is a battle that still must be fought. However, we have been promised victory in this area as well. To obtain it, we must trust the Lord Jesus Christ and walk in His will day by day. He can be defeated.

James 4:7, Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

“Never level with the devil.”

I. The Enemy Can Be Deceptive.

Joshua 9:1-13

Joshua 9:1-2, And it came to pass when all the kings who *were* on this side of the Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland and in all the coasts of the Great Sea toward Lebanon—the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite—heard *about it*, that they gathered to fight with Joshua and Israel with one accord.

**A. The Enemy Uses
Deceptive Wives
Joshua 9:3-4**

**The word "wiles" refers to
"deceit, trickery, cunning arts."**

“Snares” refers to a trap set by a hunter in order that he might capture his prey.

B. He Uses Deceptive Wares.
Joshua 9:4-5

II. Corinthians 11:14, And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

C. He Uses Deceptive Words
Joshua 9:6-13

Joshua 9:8-9, But they said to Joshua “*We are your servants.*” And Joshua said to them, “*Who are you, and where do you come from?*” So, they said to him: “From a far country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God; for we have heard of His fame, and all that He did in Egypt.

**1 Peter 5:8, Be sober, be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil
walks about like a roaring lion,
seeking whom he may devour.**

II. The Enemy Can Be Destructive.

Joshua 9:14-21

**Their Ability To See Clearly
Was Disrupted.**

**Their Ability to Seek Counsel
Was Disrupted.**

Joshua 9:14, Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord.

**God expects His people to seek
His will and wait on His
answer!**

**Their Ability To Stay Clean Was
Disrupted.**

Joshua 9:15-21

Joshua 9:15, “So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.”

**Deuteronomy 7:2, And when the LORD
thy God shall deliver them before
thee; thou shalt smite them, and
destroy them; thou shalt make no
covenant with them, nor shew mercy
unto them**

**II Corinthians 6:17, Wherefore
come out from among them, and
be ye separate, saith the Lord, and
touch not the unclean thing; and I
will receive you.**

III. The Enemy Can Be Defeated.

Joshua 9:22-27

**The Enemy Must Be
Confronted.**

Joshua 9:22

Joshua 9: 22, When Joshua found out what these people had done, he went straight to them and rebuked them and confronted them about their sins.

**Satan cannot stand in the
presence of the Truth!**

The Enemy Must Be Controlled.

Joshua 9:27

**The Enemy Must Be
Commissioned.**

Joshua 9:27

Joshua 9:27, And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, in the place which He would choose, even to this day.

**Your failures do not have to
defeat you forever! God's grace
is bigger than your mistakes!**

**God's grace can transform
your heart and rewrite your
story.**

“Victory comes from finding opportunities in problems.”