YOUTH WORSHIP **21 November 2026**
Text: Joshua 10:1-15
Title: "Do not forsake your servants" Joshua 10:6

READING THE STORY OF THE GIBEONITES (PART II)

The attack of the five kings on Gibeon

1. There was an alliance of kings forming to fight with Joshua and Israel Joshua 9:1

2. Gibeon and the other cities broke this alliance and made peace with Israel Joshua 9

3. Five Amorite kings, led by Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem, came together
   They sought to attack Gibeon Joshua 10:1-5

4. Gibeon sought help from Joshua based on the covenant they had made

   "Do not forsake your servants…" Joshua 10:6

   a. The Gibeonites had become Israel's servants Joshua 9:27

   b. Israel in turn had sworn to protect them and preserve their lives 2 Samuel 21:2

   c. This covenant was sworn in the name of the LORD God Joshua 9:18-19

Joshua honoured the covenant with the Gibeonites

1. Joshua honoured the covenant

2. He and all the people of war, *ascended* from Gilgal (mountainous terrain) Joshua 10:7

3. They marched all night from Gilgal to Gibeon Joshua 10:9

4. They launched a surprise attack

The LORD God honoured the covenant with the Gibeonites

1. The promises of God given and re-iterated Joshua 10:8; cf. Joshua 1:5

2. The power of God was obviously present

   a. The LORD routed them before Israel Joshua 10:10

      i. Killed them at Gibeon

ii. Chased them along the road that leads to Beth Horon

iii. Struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah

b. As they fled, the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them Joshua 10:11

i. They died

ii. More died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed!

3. A mighty answer to prayer

a. The Amorite army was fleeing from Israel

b. They could flee into their cities, re-group and attack once more

c. More daylight hours were needed to completely defeat these armies

d. Joshua's prayer Joshua 10:12-13a

i. For the sun and moon to stand still

ii. Till the people (Israel and Gibeon) had revenge on their enemies

e. The LORD's mighty answer Joshua 10:13b-14

i. "So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven"

ii. "There has been no day like that, before or after it'

iii. "That the LORD heeded the voice of a man"

4. The protection of God was given

"For the LORD fought for Israel" Joshua 10:14

a. To Israel

b. But also to the Gibeonites, who were now a part of Israel

A DEEPER REFLECTION ON THE STORY OF THE GIBEONITES

Review of the battles so far

1. Jericho Joshua 6
    a. The LORD was consulted
    b. He gave the commands
    c. There was victory
2. Ai Joshua 7-8
    a. The LORD was not consulted
    b. Israel was defeated
    c. They returned to the LORD and consulted Him
    d. There was victory once more
3. Gibeon Joshua 9-10
    a. The LORD was not consulted
    b. Israel made a covenant with the Gibeonites
    c. Yet the LORD honoured the covenant
    d. And thus, there was victory

Reasons why the LORD honoured the covenant with the Gibeonites

1. The Gibeonites had come to faith in the LORD God of Israel
    a. The Gibeonites were Amorites, people of the land of Canaan
    b. But they had come to fear the LORD God of Israel Joshua 9:9-10
    c. They had faith that the LORD and His Word would be fulfilled Joshua 9:24
2. The Gibeonites confirmed their faith by entering into a covenant with Israel
    a. They had committed themselves to being Israel's servants Joshua 9:8, 9, 11 ,24

b. This would be a permanent commitment to Israel and to the LORD

3. The LORD, in turn, honoured the covenant made with the Gibeonites

    a. He had accepted the Gibeonites as part of His people

    b. His covenant with Israel would now extend to them

        i. His promises

        ii. His protection

        iii. His power

RELEVANT LESSONS WE CAN LEARN

1. Lessons about God and His plan of redemption

    a. God's plan of redemption was never meant to be exclusive to Israel

    b. Outsiders who came to genuine faith in the Lord would be accepted (eg. Caleb, Rahab, and the Gibeonites)

    c. They would become a part of His people

    d. His covenant would extend to them as well

2. Lessons for ourselves

    a. We can come to faith in the Lord

        i. Regardless of our background

        ii. God will accept those who come to Him in genuine faith

    b. We can come to a point when we confirm our faith through baptism

        i. Baptism is a sign of the New Covenant

        ii. It is a sign of our commitment to our faith in the LORD

    c. God, in turn will be deeply committed to us

        i. His promises will be extended to us

ii. His protection will be there

iii. His power will be there to help us