



Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny
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The Warrior Lord

Joshua 10 reveals one of God's great miracles. He caused the sun to shine for twenty-four hours so that Israel could pursue their enemies. He worked this miracle in order to help His people and to give them victory over their enemies.

The rest of **Joshua 10** deals with two subjects. First, Joshua executes the kings that attacked Israel (**10:16-28**) and the conquest of southern Canaan (**10:29-43**). These are historical accounts of Israel's military strategy and victories. Yet, it is also inspired Scripture (**2 Timothy 3:16**). These verses teach us about God and His will for our lives as Christians and godly men.

The Execution Of The Kings

Joshua 10:16-28

As the Israelites begin to route the Canaanites, Joshua is informed that the kings who had led this coalition were hiding. These kings were hiding in a cave at Makkedah. He commands that large stones be rolled in front of the cave and for Israel to keep pursuing the enemy (**10:16-19**).

Once they had finished the route of their enemies, Joshua and Israel return to Makkedah (**10:20-21**). He commands that these kings be brought out and executed (**10:22-23**). Yet, he does something unique

here. He calls for the captains of the army to come and put their feet on the necks of these kings. He then encourages them by saying, "Do not be afraid, nor dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies against whom you fight" (**10:25**).

Following this, Joshua killed these kings. He had their bodies hung on trees and left them on display until evening (**10:26-27**). The message was clear to the Israelites. They were steeped in Deuteronomy and they knew what **Deuteronomy 21:22-23** taught. Any person hanged on a tree was cursed of God. Joshua showed that they had rebelled against God and had experienced his judgment. In order to keep from defiling the land, he had their bodies cast back into the cave and covered (**10:28**).

You may be wondering, "What can I learn from this? How does this apply to me?" *First, this text shows that God will answer the rebellion of men.* These kings had rebelled against God. When they came out against and attempted to destroy God's people, they were actually attacking God. Their hatred of God's people was a hatred of God. They rebelled against God.

God answered that rebellion. It is a graphic description. However, that's the point. God will have no mercy on those who rebel and do not repent. This is tame compared to facing the eternal wrath of God

forever. This judgment of God foreshadows what God will do in the end.

Yet, it is only a picture. His wrath for the rebellious will be without mercy and unceasing. This text shows us how dangerous and fatal rebellion toward God is. It should drive us to seek God and find mercy in His Son and the good news of the gospel. It should stir us to pray for those who are in rebellion against God. God will be patient but He will not tolerate it forever. He will judge the sinful rebellion of man.

Second, this text points us to Jesus Christ. Joshua is the anointed leader of God's people. He would lead them to victory in the Promised Land. He encouraged them in the midst of the battles they had fought.

This points us to Jesus. He is our warrior King! He wants to encourage us. Joshua pointed to these kings and the feet of the captains on their neck. Jesus does something even greater. He points us to the Cross. He points us to the empty tomb. He's won the victory! Jesus has died and rose again. He is with us. That should give us confidence in the daily battles of life. We have a warrior King who has conquered and can give us victory. If Jesus has conquered sin, death, the grave, and Satan, don't you think He can give you victory? Don't you think that He can help in your battles?

The Conquest Of Southern Canaan **Joshua 10:29-43**

The closing verses of Joshua 10 give a summary of the southern campaign in

Canaan. These verses point out that Joshua and Israel took control of the southern part of Canaan. The initial thrust into Canaan gave Joshua control of the central part of Canaan. This chapter shows that Israel now took southern Canaan.

This section reveals that they did that by six major battles:

- Makkedah (28)
- Libnah (29-30)
- Lachish (31-33)
- Eglon (34-35)
- Hebron (36-37)
- Debir (38-39)

With exacting precision, Joshua and Israel defeated these kings and their forces (40-43).

Again, you may be asking, "What can I possibly gain for my walk with the Lord from this?" I would ask you to consider the following:

- *This text reveals that God is going to give victory to His people.*

Repeatedly, Israel was victorious in their battles. God helped them and enabled them to conquer those that came against them. As Israel depended on the Lord, He gave them victory. This is an encouragement that you and I need in our daily life. We don't have to face any Canaanites! However, we do have to face temptations, the devil, and the stress and pressure of a fallen world. We are not alone in our battles. The warrior King, Jesus Christ, is with us. He can sustain you. He can empower you. He can help you. He can give you victory. Fix your

eyes on Him and His Cross and empty tomb. Hear and heed His Word.

- *This text highlights the grace of God.*

In **Joshua 10**, the text emphasizes that Israel's victories were due to the grace of God. In **10:25** Joshua says, "for thus the LORD will do all your enemies against whom you fight." In **10:42**, the Bible says that "the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel." The only reason that they were able to have victory was due to the grace of God. God graciously fought for them. God graciously helped them. Nothing but the sheer grace of God brought them victory in Canaan. They were not worthy and did not merit. God is faithful and kept His promises.

This is a powerful reminder to us. Our victory in daily life is dependent on the grace of our warrior King, Jesus Christ. The only way that we can have hope in our battles against sin, Satan, death, and this fallen world is due to Jesus – His Cross and empty tomb. Our victory is actually His. We should and ought to rejoice in this. It should also stir our hearts to fight with all our might. He has won the victory. He graciously wants to share that victory with us. This ought to move us to pray, use the Word, worship, fellowship, and witness with all our hearts.

- *Believers have to fight an on-going battle.*

In this text, we have a summary of the conquest of southern Canaan. Yet, later

in Joshua, we read clear statements of on-going resistance (**11:22; 14:12**). Not everyone was driven out (**13:2-6, 15:63, 16:10, 17:12-13, Judges 1**). Does this contradict **Joshua 10**? No, what we have here is a conquered land with pockets of resistance. While they had conquered the land, they still had to deal with pockets of resistance.

This is a powerful point for our lives. The Christian finds the same in his or her heart. Christ is our King and He has broken the power of sin in our lives. It no longer has mastery over us. But, pockets of resistance, remaining sin, continue to rise up and fight. Like Israel's enemies, it has to be confronted and destroyed. We will continue to have a war with sin. Yet, we must trust in Jesus and use His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit to confront and conquer these pockets of resistance.

World Prayer Plan

November

- 1-Turks and Caicos Islands
- 2-Tuvalu
- 3-Uganda-The Church
- 4-Uganda-The Lost
- 5-Ukraine-The Church
- 6-United Arab Emirates
- 7-United Kingdom-The Church
- 8-United Kingdom-The Lost
- 9-United Kingdom-Spiritual Awakening
- 10-England
- 11-Northern Ireland
- 12-Scotland

13-Wales
 14-United States-The Church
 15-United States-The Lost
 16-United States-Spiritual Awakening
 17-United States-Missionary Fervor
 18-United States-Government
 19-United States-Spiritual Unity
 20-Uruguay
 21-Uzbekistan
 22-Vanuatu
 23-Venezuela-The Church
 24-Venezuela-The Lost
 25-Vietnam-The Church
 26-Vietnam-The Lost
 27-Vietnam-Open Doors
 28-Virgin Islands
 29-Revival In Caribbean
 30-Wallis and Futura Island

20-North America
 21-Pacific
 22-The Fall of Islam
 23-The Fall of Hinduism
 24-Bible Translation and Distribution Across the World
 25-That The Glory and Power of Jesus Would Be Seen Across The World
 26-More Missionaries
 27-Believers With A Heart For The World
 28-Increase In Giving To Mission Efforts
 29-Destruction of Satan's Grip Over the Nations
 30-Worldwide Prayer For World Evangelization
 31-The Soon Return Of Jesus

December

1-Yemen-The Church
 2-Yemen-The Lost
 3-Yugoslavia
 4-Bosnia
 5-Hercegovina
 6-Montenegro
 7-Serbia
 8-Macedonia
 9-Zaire-The Church
 10-Zaire-The Lost
 11-Zambia
 12-Zimbabwe
 13-Africa
 14-Asia
 15-Caribbean
 16-Eurasia
 17-Europe
 18-Latin America
 19-Middle East

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