

Questions, Reflections & Prayer Points

Now that you've listened to the teaching on Joshua chapter 9, go through the questions below and use some paper or your computer to write down your answers.

Questions:

1. Read Proverbs 3 :5-6 and list the ways that Israel did not follow this passage in dealing with the Gibeonites.
2. Why do you think we are so quick to neglect prayer when facing decisions and challenges?
3. List the things you've learned about the tactics of the enemy from this chapter and what you can do in the future to avoid this same kind of deception.

Reflections:

It seems to take us a long time to learn the lesson that neglect of prayer always leads to trouble and destroys the spirit of discernment. (Alan Redpath)

The leaders of Israel took the "scientific approach" to dealing with the Gibeonites instead of the "spiritual approach." (Warren Wiersbe)

People in the world read horoscopes or consult mediums and attend a seance all to determine the correct path, all the while ignorant of the fact that they are opening their hearts to Satan's deceptive voice. We, on the other hand, serve a God who delights to lead His children (see Isaiah 48:17) and we rarely take the time to even ask.

Prayer Points:

Ask the Lord to give you a seeking heart, that comes to Him in prayer.

Read 1 Peter 5:8 and ask the Lord to give you everything this passage speaks about to recognize and stand against the enemy's tactics.

Pray for spiritual wisdom and not to rely on your own understanding.