



Sermon Series: "Power of God"
Sermon Title: "The Lord Fights for His People"
Scripture: Joshua 10
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Introduction: To be an enemy of Gibeon made you an enemy of Israel. An enemy of God's people is an enemy of God.

1. Gibeon desperately appealed to Israel's integrity for aid. (v. 6)

Scripture: Psalm 79:8-9; Isaiah 55:6-7

- Like Gibeon, our appeals for divine rescue rely on God's mercy, not our merit.

2. Joshua's confidence in God led to courageous action. (v. 7, 9, 12-42)

Scripture: Joshua 1:5-6; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

- Joshua faced Gibeon's enemies without hesitation.
- Joshua trusted God for a miracle without wavering.
- Joshua finished off the kings of the alliance with conviction.
- Joshua conquered Southern Canaan without stopping.

Biblical courage is simply bold action based in an overwhelming confidence in almighty God.

3. God graciously applied His promises to His people's present need. (v. 8)

"This is what God's people usually need--not new truth, but old truth freshly applied to their current need." (Dale Ralph Davis)

- God's promises do not free His people from action, rather His promises free us to act in fearless confidence (Daniel 11:32)

4. God's power was gloriously displayed as He fought for His people. (v. 10-14, 30-42)

Scripture: Jeremiah 20:11; Zephaniah 3:17; Exodus 15:2-3; Romans 8:37

- God threw the alliance into a panic. (v. 10; Psalms 33:10-11)
- God threw down deadly hailstones from heaven. (v. 11; Psalms 18:14)
- God threw the sun and moon into neutral. (v. 12-14; Isaiah 28:21)

Conclusion:

- For the undeserving: Appeal to God's grace.
- For the overwhelmed: Trust in God's promises.
- For those in the fight: Act in God's power.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- In what ways do you sometimes feel under assault by the world, our flesh and Satan himself?
- What action of Joshua seemed to be the most courageous? Why?
- Why do believers often live in fear and inactivity rather than taking courageous action?
- Which promises of God are most helpful in your current circumstances?
- What was the significance of having the leaders of the army put their feet on the necks of the 5 kings?
- In what ways do we try to fight our own battles rather than relying on God?