

Light to Advance: (Joshua 10:1-27)

Joshua 10:1-2 (ESV)

As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors.

Insights:

- He is the God of advancement strategies.
- Our enemy fears our advancement!
- Lord of the Hosts of heavens armies, Jehovah Sabbaoth, who leads His people/church towards advancement.
- He gives strategies for taking full possession of the land HE has promised.

Prayer:

- Lord give insight into your divine strategy for this Church.
- Let us follow your strategy until we possess your promise for this land you have given us.
- When the enemy tries to intimidate and get us to back down, remind us he has more to fear than we do!

Joshua 10:6-7 (ESV)

And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.” So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.

Insights:

- He is the God of Salvation and Compassion.
- He wants us to hear the cries of those in peril with a compassionate heart.
- We must allow our hearts to be stirred to the point of doing battle for them.

Prayer:

- God of Salvation, open our ears to hear the cries of those who are desperate for you.
- Put URGENCY in our hearts.
- We have our marching orders, so let us rise up as men and women of valor...
- **We declare that this is the Year of Salvations** over our church and community.

Joshua 10:8 (ESV)

And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.”

Insights:

- God calls us to confidence and boldness!
- He is the Lord who has called us into this battle.
- When we follow His calling, we have nothing to fear!

Prayer:

- Jesus speak a fresh word of confidence into my soul.
- Give me the courage to step out, knowing that you desire to advance this church and me personally.

- **The battle belongs to the Lord!**

Joshua 10:9-14 (ESV)

So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword. At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel.

Insights:

- He is a God of dramatic miracles who stops the heavens and earth on behalf of His people.
- God fights on behalf of His people. Even to the point of "**a day like never before**".
- He assures our victory.

Prayer:

- God, we ask for dramatic miracles on behalf of your church.
- Lift our level of expectation for the miraculous.
- Give us confidence to prophetically declare (pray) miracles.
- Fight on our behalf as we battle for souls.
- **Grant The Lakes, "days like never before"**.
- Lord, extend our days so we can work in the light!

John 9:4 (ESV)

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.