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**Joshua - Lesson 17A
The Assurance for Victory**

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We are going to review a little bit from the last lesson so that we keep our train of thought on this very important subject.

Joshua 9:4a *They did work wilily.* The deceiver works wilily as soon as he gets his foot in the door. Then you are committed. In Joshua 9:14 *And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.* Trouble came immediately after you were deceived. How many people have been tricked into buying something they did not need because a smooth talking salesperson made them feel like they needed it; at the moment the decision came to open their wallets they thought to themselves "I got this one. I will let God handle the bigger decisions in my life; this is not a big deal."

Trouble comes as a result of self-confidence and disobedience to the word of God. Such was the case for Joshua and the men of Israel. They were deceived. We too are often deceived by a deceitful heart, deceitful lusts, the deceitfulness of sin, and the deceitfulness of riches due to our self-confidence and disobedience.

The Bible says in Joshua 10:1-4 *Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; 2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. 3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.* When the Lord begins to make us aware of our sins, and we start to make changes in our life to please God, it seems like our sins start to gang up on us. That is what the Bible is showing us here in these passages. Joshua 10:5-7 *Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. 6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. 7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.* This time they took everyone,

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they did not want another Ai repeated. Joshua 10:8 *And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.* Here is the same thing the Lord God told Joshua in Chapter 1. See, here Joshua made some mistakes before, but his mistakes did not disannul the Lord's promises. (We are always telling people that Salvation in Jesus Christ is eternal. Here is another example how that we may break our promises, but God never will Titus 1:2. Joshua 10:9-10 *Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. 10 And the Lord discomfited them before Israel, Discomfited is an appropriate word for what the Lord did to them. and slew them with a great slaughter...* Who slew them? The Lord did! See, the Lord is fighting the battles for the nation of Israel. The same Lord that stopped the water of the Jordan River; the same Lord that made the walls of Jericho fall down! This is the same Lord that will fight the battles of our sins - if we will just let Him. Verse 10-11 cont. *at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. 11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they who the children of Israel slew with the sword.* The Lord is chasing the enemies, throwing stones at them. The Lord is throwing the stones. We are not given details about the stones, but I would think that the Lord had better accuracy than a major league baseball pitcher, and He could probably throw them faster than 96 m.p.h.

Joshua 10:12-13 *Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. 13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.* Many books ridicule this passage in the Bible. As for me, I believe it happened just like it is written. God created the heaven and the earth. God created the sun, moon, and stars. God set the rotation of the planets in order. Why is it too difficult to believe that if He wanted to stop them He could, and He did to give Joshua and the armies of Israel time to finish off their enemies. Joshua 10:13b-14 *Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.*

There are places throughout the Bible and in life where men/women would ask God for something that God would not normally do, and God would do it in answer to their prayer request.

Read on in Joshua 10:15-43 and look at what happened to the five kings and all of the other enemies of the Children of Israel.

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No matter how big and strong and mighty these kings may have seemed before that battle began, they did not seem very imposing when they were laying in the dirt.

Now, here is what we need to know. For nine chapters now, this book of Joshua has proven to have spiritual application - the potential victory of the spiritual mind over the carnal mind; a victory in the life of a born again child of God over his or her sins, lusts, bad habits, mood swings, faults, and shortcomings. If this picture is true, cannot God by His power deliver these completely into our hands? Could we stand triumphant over every defect in our life and be a holy man or woman, living in spiritual victory as a bold and faithful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ? Could we not do that if we just believed God?

We waste so much time, just like those unbelieving Israelites who died in the wilderness, who are a picture and type of the carnally minded man. We waste precious moments of our time so worried about what is not our concern. Instead, we need to turn it over to the Lord and let Him handle it.

If someone would have told me at nineteen years old that time was moving so fast that I would soon be seventy-two, I probably would have laughed at them. Here am I looking back at all the time I wasted doing nothing. Fortunately for me, God brought me a helpmate at forty-three who encouraged me to change my focus to the things of God. Twenty-four years of doing little or nothing for the Lord... It could have been different if only I would have trusted in Him.

There is a story in Luke about a Great Supper and the greater excuses. Luke 14:16-24.

Luke 14:16-18 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

God, just maybe, you could **lengthen** my days, slow down the progression of my life. God, maybe I could live long enough to do something for you. Why not?

When I first started the ministries at the Juvenile Detention Center, Orange County Jail, and the Orlando Rescue Mission, the people in my church accused me of trying to work my way to heaven because I wanted to do something more for the Lord than just coming to Church and giving to missions. Many Tuesdays, Thursdays, and 3rd. Saturdays would come and go without anyone to help me at these ministries; yet I kept going, hoping that maybe just one life might be changed and get excited about the Lord whom I was so excited about. I did not want to sit home and do nothing for the Lord.

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Many sins and sorrows are the result of having too much idle time. See Proverbs 19:15; Ecclesiastes 10:18; Ezekiel 16:49.

When my employer started moving me all over the US, there was no one to carry on those ministries, and it sadden me for years. Then I moved back to Florida and started up the ministries again through the Bible Baptist Church in Deland where many men and women joined in to participate. I am sure glad I stuck with it over the years. It has helped me to keep my focus on godly things.

God directed the sun to stand still in the sky for a whole day. Why is it so hard to believe that God could give you enough time to get right and win some victories if you wanted them? Why couldn't He? You do have time to do something for God this side of eternity. You have time to win somebody to the Lord. You have time to establish some lasting work for Jesus if you really want to.

Only one life, t'will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Turn over to the New Testament now. We are going to look at some promises for absolute, total victory. It is too bad that the charismatics have butchered these verses so terribly, but their truth still stands. We can have absolute victory over sin if we want it. Samson slew a thousand men with the jawbone of an ass (Judges 15:14-20). Do you know how? He put himself in a spot where they came at him one at a time. God isn't telling you to conquer all your sins at one time, but rather one at a time. It is possible to have victory minute by minute. Let me show you how.

John 12:23 *And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.* (Pray that God will show you this beautiful truth.) John 12:31 *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.* When will this happen? At the White Throne? No. When? At the Great Tribulation? No. When? Second Coming? No. Jesus said, *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.* What did Jesus say about His death? By virtue of my death, the prince of this world shall be cast out. Did Jesus die for you? Then is Satan powerless over you? Just as surely as Jesus is lifted up, He conquered the devil. Just as surely as Jesus drew you unto Himself, He conquered that devil. Jesus bruised the serpent's head, when serpent/devil bruised Jesus' heel. (Genesis 3:15-16). Those statements are not two thousand years apart. Jesus conquered the devil at Calvary! (1 Corinthians 15:57)

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In John 12:31, Jesus is speaking of His death, *Now is the judgment of this world*; Did not the Lord Jesus die for you? Are you crucified with Christ? Did Jesus Christ in His death triumph over the world? Did Jesus in His death triumph over Satan? Then why do we find it so easy to stand on verse 32 and so hard to stand on verse 31? We can have total victory over every wrong thing in the world through the victory Jesus Christ won at the cross. We can have the victory over all of Satan's wiles and all of Satan's attacks through Jesus' victory on the cross. I do not need some hocus-pocus Charismatic baptism of the Holy Ghost or oil on my forehead or my doorpost. I do not need to say, "I claim the blood, I claim the blood..." I don't have to claim anything. I can simply by faith put confidence in the victory Jesus won at Calvary.

Who defeated the confederate armies in Joshua chapter 10? The same verse says the Lord did and Israel did. The Lord won the victory and delivered the conquered foes into Israel's hand, so it looked to all the world like they had actually done something. All they did was believe God enough to go to battle. If you and I would believe God enough to go to war against our sins, lusts, habits, and vices, the victory Jesus Christ won at Calvary would be sufficient to enable us to say "**No**" to this world. The Bible says, James 4:7-8 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

*All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.
All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow;
Wordly pleasures all forsaken, Take me Jesus, Take me now.
All to Jesus I surrender, Make me Saviour wholly thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit - Truly know that thou art mine.
All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with thy love and power, Let Thy blessings fall on me.
I surrender all...*

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Name _____

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1. Why did Joshua have such difficulty conquering Ai? *

2. What application do we get from Samson killing the Philistines with the jawbone of an ass?

3. Who conquered sin, death, Hell, and the grave for us? How?

4. What comes out of sitting around doing nothing? *

5. How can the devil be wily in our lives?

6. Compare your life with the story in Luke 14:16-24 and tell us how, why, and what you are going to do today?

7. How old do you have to be before you can start doing something for the Lord?

8. What do I need to tell someone about Jesus Christ today? *

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9. How are the Charismatic ideas so flawed?

10. What did we learn about John 12:31-32?

11. Where in this lesson does the bible prove Eternal Security? *

12. What was the sin of Sodom? *

13. What happened to the five kings that attempted to fight against the Children of Israel? *

True/false

- Never too late to start serving the Lord.
- The devil is no threat to the born again child of God.
- Only what's done for Jesus Christ will make any difference in your life now and in eternity's future.
- The Lord understands that I cannot stop drinking, because I have too much stress in my life.



Scripture Memorization; John 12:31-32; Romans 11:29;
Proverbs 19:15 (write these on the back on the sheet, or on a separate piece
of paper - Must be in KJV)

any questions?