

# **Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 100 – April 10**

## **Today's Readings:**

Joshua 9 & 10

Psalm 44.1-3

Proverbs 13.24-25

Luke 10.1-24

1. What deceptive strategy do the inhabitants of Gibeon employ to secure a treaty with Israel, as described in Joshua 9.3-15? How do they deceive the Israelites into making a covenant with them?
2. Consider the reaction of the Israelite leaders to the discovery of the Gibeonites' deception in verses 16-18. How do they respond to the situation, and what factors influence their decision to honor the treaty?
3. Reflect on the consequences of the Israelites' covenant with the Gibeonites, as described in verses 19-21. How does their commitment to uphold the treaty reflect their reverence for the name of the Lord and their obedience to his commandments?
4. Discuss the role of the Gibeonites as servants and woodcutters for the Israelites, as described in verses 22-27. How does their status as servants fulfill the prophecy of servitude pronounced upon the Canaanite nations?
5. Reflect on the overarching theme of trust and obedience in Joshua 9. How do the events surrounding the covenant with the Gibeonites demonstrate the importance of seeking God's guidance and wisdom in all matters, even in the face of deception and uncertainty?

6. How does the coalition of five Amorite kings respond to the news of Gibeon's treaty with Israel, as described in verses 1-5? What actions do they take to retaliate against Gibeon and Israel?
  
7. Consider Joshua's response to Gibeon's plea for help in verses 6-9. How does he honor the covenant with Gibeon and demonstrate his commitment to protecting them from their enemies?
  
8. Reflect on the miraculous victory of Israel over the Amorite kings and their armies, as described in verses 10-15. How does God intervene on behalf of Israel and bring about a great slaughter of their enemies?
  
9. Discuss the role of Joshua's prayer for the sun and moon to stand still, as described in verses 12-14. How does this prayer demonstrate Joshua's faith in God's power to work miracles on behalf of his people?
  
10. Reflect on the consequences of Israel's victory over the Amorite kings, as described in verses 28-43. How does this decisive victory strengthen Israel's position in the land and demonstrate God's faithfulness to his promises?
  
11. What does the psalmist declare about God's deeds and past victories in Psalm 44.1-3? How do these acts of deliverance demonstrate God's faithfulness and power on behalf of his people?
  
12. Consider the psalmist's acknowledgment of God's hand in Israel's victories and conquests in verse 2. How does this recognition of God's role in their military triumphs inspire confidence and trust in God's continued presence and assistance?

13. Reflect on the psalmist's affirmation of God's sovereignty and faithfulness in verse 3. How does the psalmist's declaration of trust in God's name and character serve as a source of hope and assurance in times of trouble and uncertainty?
  
14. What does Proverbs 13.24 teach us about the importance of discipline and correction in parenting? How does the wise parent's discipline lead to their child's growth and development, while the neglectful parent's indulgence results in shame and ruin?
  
15. Reflect on the theme of stewardship and responsibility in verses 24-25. How does the wise stewardship of resources and opportunities lead to blessings and prosperity, while wastefulness and neglect result in poverty and want? How can we cultivate a mindset of responsible stewardship in all aspects of our lives?
  
16. How does Jesus commission the seventy-two disciples in Luke 10.1-4, and what instructions does he give them for their mission? How do these instructions reflect Jesus' strategy for spreading the gospel and ministering to the people?
  
17. Consider the instructions Jesus gives the disciples regarding their interactions with the people they encounter, as described in verses 5-16. What principles of hospitality, peace, and proclamation do these instructions embody, and how do they contribute to the disciples' effectiveness in their mission?
  
18. Reflect on the disciples' return and their report of success in verses 17-20. How do they testify to the power and authority they received from Jesus, and what significance does their ability to cast out demons hold for their ministry?
  
19. Discuss Jesus' prayer of thanksgiving and revelation of truth in verses 21-22. How does Jesus express gratitude to the Father for revealing his truth to the humble and childlike, while

concealing it from the wise and learned? What does this reveal about God's character and his ways of working in the world?

20. Reflect on the blessings of discipleship and the privilege of knowing Jesus, as described in verses 23-24. How does Jesus affirm the disciples' participation in the kingdom of God and their role in fulfilling God's purposes? How can we respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him with joy and gratitude?

21. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?