



This week we will study about the leadership of Joshua, the deceit of the Gibeonites and the power of prayer.



Torchlight

"To him, [Joshua] as to Caleb, a special promise of inheritance had been given; yet he asked for no extensive province, but only a single city.... The name given to the city was Timnathserah, 'the portion that remains' – a standing testimony to the noble character and unselfish spirit of the conqueror, who, instead of being the first to appropriate the spoils of conquest, deferred his claim until the humblest of his people had been served." – Patriarchs & Prophets p. 515



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The Sun Stood Still

Daily Devotional 29



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for my safe keeping. Please bless me with wisdom and discernment so I can make good decisions in my life. Help me to understand what I read in the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

“You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast....”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 9:1-27



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

From our reading today, we find out about the people called the Gibeonites. They were a group of people, living in the land of Canaan, who were spread out across four cities – one of them was the great royal city of Gibeon. To save themselves and their cities they wanted to make a covenant, or peace treaty, with Joshua. So a group of these men dressed up in old tattered clothes and took provisions that were mouldy to give the impression that they had come from far away. The Gibeonites were being deceitful. Joshua and the elders questioned the Gibeonites but they still denied that they lived in Canaan. Joshua in the end made an unwise decision and went ahead and made a



covenant with the Gibeonites without first consulting God. Verse 16 tells us that, three days later, the Israelites found out the truth. God didn't want the Israelites to make covenants with the people of Canaan because He knew it would lead to idol worship and spiritual decline. You can find that in Deuteronomy 7:2. But at the same time if, like the Gibeonites, they chose to give up their idol worship and worship the true God, they were to share in the blessings of the LORD. But because they spared their lives through deception it brought them disgrace and servitude. This shows how much God hates lying.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JOSHUA 9:_____

“Then Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, ‘Why have you deceived us, saying, “We _____,” _____?’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, I want to praise and thank You for all the goodness You show me. Thank You for hearing my prayers. Help me to pray and depend on You more as I want to draw closer to You. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 10:1-27



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today told us there were five kings who decided to go and make war with the Gibeonites for making a covenant with the Children of Israel. The Gibeonites sent urgent messages to Joshua to come and rescue them. Even though the Gibeonites secured their peace treaty through lying it could not be reversed because Joshua had made an oath, or promise, in the 'presence of the LORD'. Joshua was obliged to go to their aid. But this time Joshua consulted God who reassured him that He would win the battle for them. They marched all night and arrived the next morning. God helped Joshua by sending a very big hailstorm on the enemy. Joshua realised he needed more time to fight the armies of the five kings, so he prayed and asked God to lengthen the day. God answered his prayer and verse 14 tells us that there has been no other time like this where God has heeded the voice of man and made the sun stand still.

It's hard to believe that Joshua's heartfelt prayer could make the sun stand still. But this miracle shows how powerful prayer can be. Remember Jesus loves to hear your prayers. Check out *James 5:16*, *Matthew 21:22* and *Mark 11:24*. Also, for extra reading on the conquests of Joshua, you can read *Joshua 10:28-43* and *chapters 11-12*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JOSHUA 10:_____

"Then Joshua spoke 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: '_____, _____ _____ _____; _____, _____ _____ _____'."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





LET'S PRAY Dear Father, help me to be faithful and obedient to You.
Thank You for the sunshine and the rain and the food You provide for me.
Thank You for my mum and dad. Help me to understand what I read.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

“You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast....”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 13:1-33



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today told us that Joshua was now old. After several years of war Joshua and the Israelite army had conquered large portions of the land but there were still more areas that needed to be conquered. Now God wanted Joshua to divide up the land, the boundaries of which had been pre-determined by Moses. Three areas had already been allotted by Moses on the other side of the Jordan, or the east side. These were for the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh.



God promised the Children of Israel that if they were faithful, obedient, and dependant on His strength, He would drive out the Canaanites before them. Verse 13 tells us that the Israelites neglected to do this. God wants us to be faithful and obedient, and to depend on Him for strength through reading His Word. Read *Ephesians 6:10-17* and *Hebrews 4:12*.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JOSHUA 13:_____

"These are the areas which Moses had distributed as an inheritance in the plains of _____, _____."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for what You do for me each and every day. Help me to praise and thank You more so I will be more grateful. I love you Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

"You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast...."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 14:1-15



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today told us that the remaining nine tribes, plus the other half tribe of Manasseh, were to have their land distributed by lot. As the Levites were to take care of the Sanctuary they were not allotted any land, but were given forty-eight cities instead. Forty-five years before, Joshua and Caleb spied out the Promised Land with ten other spies. But Joshua and Caleb were the only two who came back with a good report. For their faithfulness they were to have a special allotment of land. Caleb, at eighty-five years of age, came to Joshua to claim his land. Caleb wanted



the mountain at Hebron that the other ten spies had said could not be conquered because of the giants. Caleb wanted to show by example, that through God's strength, Caleb and his men could occupy this area. Hebron was also a special place as it was the home of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and it was here they were buried.

Caleb's faith and trust in God was amazing. This is a wonderful witness to us. Remember to pray everyday for more trust and faith in God. I know this is a prayer that God loves to answer. For extra reading on the tribes' allocation of land you can read *Joshua 15 –19:48*.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JOSHUA 14:_____

"_____ , _____ to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me so much. Please forgive me for my sins and come into my heart. May Your light shine through me so I can be a witness for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

"You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast...."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 19:49-51 &
20:1-9



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today told us that Joshua came to the people to claim his inheritance. All Joshua asked for was a city called Timnath Serah, which means 'the portion that remains'. As our torchlight tells us, Joshua was the last one to make his claim. His humility shows us what a great leader he was. Our second reading, in chapter 20, tells us about the cities of refuge. These were cities to which people could flee for safety if they accidentally or unintentionally killed someone. Generally the relatives of the person who was killed would want to avenge their blood. This meant that they would want to kill the person who killed their relative, whether they were guilty or not. These cities were situated so that there was only a half day's journey to get to them. The fugitives who found safety in these cities were protected and given a fair trial but, if found guilty, punishment was given. There were a total of six cities of refuge. To the east of the Jordan River were Golan, Ramoth Gilead, and Bezer. On the west of the Jordan were Shechem, Kedesh, and Hebron.

Don't forget that Jesus is your city of refuge. Jesus paid for your sins by dying on the cross. You can come to Him anytime and ask for forgiveness. He loves you and wants you to give your heart to Him. For extra reading on the distribution of the cities to the Levites you can read *Joshua 21*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JOSHUA 19:_____

"According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked for, Timnath Serah in _____; _____
_____."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for my family. Thank You for providing for my needs. Help me to be kind and thoughtful to others. Please help me to understand what I read in Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

"You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast...."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 22:1-34



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today told us that the men of the tribes of Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, were now ready to return to the eastern side of the Jordan. These two and half tribes had sent forty thousand of their men to help their brethren to gain possession of the land. The two and half tribes were concerned that people would think that they did not belong to the Israelites on the other side of the Jordan. Without consulting with their brethren on the western side they raised up an altar of burnt offering to represent that they were part of the children of Israel. They had no intention of burning their offerings on this altar. Unfortunately, a miscommunication occurred and an angry committee



came from the western side to accuse the two and half tribes of the sin they had committed. Joshua 18:1 tells us the Sanctuary was moved from their first encampment at Gilgal to Shiloh, which was more central for the tribes to gain access to. It was here that the Israelites had to come to burn their offerings. If it weren't for the calm and patient way the two and half tribes dealt with the accusations, war would have resulted. All was resolved and both parties went away satisfied. The two and a half tribes put a sign on their altar explaining the reason for its presence. It's a good idea, when falsely accused, to try and have a calm and courteous manner, as the outcome could be very different if we get angry.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JOSHUA 22:_____

"The children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar, witness, 'For _____
_____'."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for Your love and care for me. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to this earth to die for my sins. Help me keep Your Sabbath holy today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 10:20

“You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast....”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Joshua 23:1-16 &
24:1-33



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Joshua 23 we are told that Joshua was now old and wanted to give his final address to the children of Israel. He warned them to be obedient and faithful to God, otherwise the land that God had given them would be taken away. In Joshua 24, Joshua gathered the tribes to Shechem. Joshua goes through the history of the Israelites from Abraham to the present. He retold the wonderful things God had done for them. Joshua asked them if they wanted to serve God. They all agreed to serve the LORD God of Israel. Joshua then made a covenant, or promise, with them according to their decision and wrote it in the book of the law.

Verse 29 told us that Joshua died at one hundred and ten years of age and the verse also said that Joshua was a 'servant of the Lord'. Joshua was faithful and obedient and served God all the days of his life. What a wonderful witness Joshua leaves for us. What do you think about this? How are you living your life? Are you serving God to the best of your ability? That's something we can all think about!



SABBATH QUIZ

1. The Gibeonites became servants after they deceived the Israelites. What jobs did they have to do?

2. What stood still after Joshua prayed? _____

3. What area did Caleb inherit? _____

4. What city did Joshua inherit? _____

5. What were the names of the six cities of refuge?
