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THE CONQUEST OF SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CANAAN

*“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.”
(Psalm 20:7)*

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God fought for His people so that they could receive the land of promise. The Israelites’ obedience was an important part of their victories.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is our sovereign Lord. His sovereignty is shown in His power and in His judgment.
<i>Good Works</i>	When we confront obstacles to our faith with God’s help, He will give us victory. To achieve this victory, we must train ourselves to rely on God instead of “chariots” and “horses.”

A. The Gibeonites’ Deception (Josh 9)

How did the Israelites allow themselves to be deceived?

1. *They were blinded by praise (v. 8):* By remaining humble, we avoid being blinded by our own prideful nature. Our eyesight remains clear (Prov 11:2; 16:18).
2. *They believed what they saw on the surface (vv. 12–13):* Paul and other apostles often warned believers about deceptions (2 Tim 3:13; 1 Jn 4:1), because as humans, we are easily swayed by what we see and hear. It is important to learn how to avoid making reckless decisions (Eccl 5:2).
3. *They failed to inquire of God (v. 14):* God wants us to turn to Him for everything, big or small. As our Father in heaven, He knows what we do not, so it is important that we humbly put His will above our own.

There may be times when we are deceived by what we see or hear or fail to make a sound judgment because we have been blinded by our own desires and fail to ask God first. But when we avoid focusing on the world around us and instead rely on God’s omniscience, our eyesight can remain clear.

B. God Fights for Israel (Josh 11–12)

1. *The Battle Against the Amorite Kings:* This battle was different from their first fight against the Amorites. This time, they were following God’s will (Num 13:27–29; Deut 1:44; Josh 10:1–14). Their victory came not from their own military power, but from their trust in the Lord.
2. *Conquering Southern and Northern Canaan:* God wanted the Israelites to continue trusting in God’s power, not their own military achievements. Ultimately, because they followed His command, they were able to achieve victory despite their enemies’ superior forces.
3. *Defeating the Anakim:* The process took many years, but the Israelites were eventually able to take the land and find rest from war after witnessing God’s deliverance.

C. The Sovereignty of God

The Israelites witnessed with their own eyes God’s sovereignty, which can be seen clearly in several characteristics.

1. *God Is Holy:* God’s commands seem cruel, but He used the Israelites to enact His will. He also needed them to remove any Canaanite influences. As His people, they needed to remain holy.
2. *God’s Power:* The Canaanites’ military strength meant nothing in the face of God’s will.
3. *God Protects the Faithful:* As long as they followed His commands, God gave His people success.

Life Application: Conquering Our Battles with Faith

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Lesson 11 Homework Assignment

The Conquest of Southern and Northern Canaan

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Psalm 20:7):

1. What do horses and chariots represent today? Why should we avoid relying on them?
2. “And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not _____ them, for I have _____ them into your _____; not a man of them shall _____ before you.” (Joshua 10:8)
3. How did the Israelites allow themselves to be deceived? Give three reasons.
4. Why was the Israelites’ battle against the Amorite kings different from when they had previously fought?
5. What must we do to experience rest in heaven, just as the Israelites were able to rest in the promised land?
6. During class, we came up with an action plan to tackle something that we want to overcome. What was your action plan? Were you able to begin carrying it out this week? Why or why not?