

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**

**Joshua 9:1-27**

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**Josh 9:3-16**

**The Lesson In Life:** “Things are not always as they appear to be!”

**The Christian Has 3 Great Enemies:**

- 1. World – Jericho** – How do we as Christians overcome the World? It is through faith.
- 2. Flesh – Ai** – How do we overcome the flesh? Not by fighting it, but recognizing it and surrendering to the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Devil – Gibeonites** – How do we overcome the Devil? By putting on the whole armor of God.

**2 Cor. 2:11**

**1 John 4:1**

- 1. Verses 1-15 – The Deception**
- 2. Verses 16-17 – The Discovery**
- 3. Verses 18-27 – The Decision**

**1. Verses 1-15 – The Deception:**

Verses 1-2 – The Backdrop

Joshua 9: 1

Josh. 9:6

Joshua 9:2

Ex. 5:2

Joshua 9:3

Gibeon – “Built on a hill”; Located in the hill country, 6 miles Northwest of Jerusalem. It was 25 miles from Gilgal.

Joshua 9:4

2 Cor. 11:13-14

Joshua 9:5-6

Deut. 20:10-15

The Enemy Knows The Bible. Matt 4:5-7

Joshua 9:7 – Hivites – Decedent's of Ham, Joshua 11:19; Hivites lived in Gibeon

Matt. 10:16

Joshua 9:8-11

Some of the Seekers in the church are really Sneakers!

Joshua 9:12-14

If we make life's decisions based off the senses, we are dead because there is another realm called the spiritual realm! Need God's Spirit!

Eph. 6:11

Deut. 7:2

Deut. 7:4

Joshua 9:15

## **2. Verses 16-17 – The Discovery:**

Joshua 9:16-17

Prov. 12:19

## **3. Verses 18-27 – The Decision:**

Joshua 9:18

2 Sam. 21:1-6

God never leads us to disobey His word in order to honor it!

Joshua 9:19-21

There is the divine plan for the child of God! "Make your mistakes work for you!"

Protect – Israel socially from relationship to the people.

Joshua 9: 22-23

The very thing that the Gibeonites hoped to retain, they lost; they became slaves through their deception.

Protect – They would be exposed to the things of God.

Joshua 9: 24-27

What literally happened here is that Joshua made his bad decision work for him.

The curse became a blessing:

1. Joshua 10: 10-14 a great miracle was worked.
2. Later the tabernacle was pitched in Gibeon. 2 Chron. 1: 3
3. Later the Gibeonites called Nethinims – "given ones"; given to assist the priests. They replaced the Levites in temple service. Ezra 2: 43, 8: 20

### **Application:**

"It Is True That We, Like Israel, Can Make A Decision That Is Sinful, But We Too Must Let It Run Its Course. It Is Also Equally True That God Can Forgive And Overrule Our Mistakes; Bring Blessings Out Of Our Sins."