



# Joshua

Part #11 –  
The God Factor

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# Introduction

## Key Scriptures

- Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek 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; – Joshua 10:1
- 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. – Joshua 10:2
- Wherefore Adonizedek 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, – Joshua 10:3



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- 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: – Joshua 10:5
- 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 10:6
- 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. – Joshua 10:8



# Keys

*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. – Joshua 10:8*

- Faith is an awesome and inspiring minister
- Faith has a distinct scent.
- What the silent presence of providence does
- The God Factor



# In this lesson

- Follow through
- Faith
- Fortuity (Providence)
- The God Factor



# Follow through

*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. - Joshua 10:2*

- Read the instructions
- Attention to detail - The follow through with the instructions even when it does not make sense
- Mistakes are costly but they can also workout for the good of those in favor with the Lord
- God will turn your mess into a message of hope
- What they did precipitated fear in their adversaries – They feared greatly
- Unleashed fear in the heart of those around them



# Follow through – Cont'd

God's strategy was to disarm the adversary without engagement

1. They feared greatly
2. They saw a great city succumbing to fear
3. The city that they appraised greatly was their standard bearer – A royal city with opulence, prestige, notoriety, pomp and pageantry
4. They were greater in comparison to the city of Ai
5. They were might men



# Fortuity (Providence) – The God Factor

*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. – Joshua 10:8*

**When God says, fear them not for I have delivered them into thine hand:**

- The future is bright
- The way is clear
- The adversaries are no match
- You've got Him alongside you
- He has already seen the outcome



# Fortuity (Providence) – The God Factor – Cont'd

*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. – Joshua 10:8*

**When God says, fear them not for I have delivered them into thine hand:**

- You are more than able
- He is always with you
- Do not even hesitate
- Do not fear
- Do not look back
- Don't doubt



# Faith

*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. – Joshua 10:4*

- Have you decided to turn your life around only to find all hell breaking loose on you?
- The overwhelming adversarial force is to:
  - Undo
  - Unseat
  - Undermine
  - Uproot



# Faith – Cont'd

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- When we find ourself within the enemy's crosshairs because we made a decision to turn our life around
- A war unwelcomed, but awoken to, must first be won in the mind



# Faith – Cont'd

*And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makedah. - Joshua 10:10*

## **When we respond in faith:**

- Providence kicks in
- Some of us are unaware about the cost of doubt and the nemeses of delay
- We forfeit the eternal support providence provides which is always available to those who walk by faith



# Faith – Cont'd

*And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, 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 whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. - Joshua 10:11*

## **When we respond in faith:**

- God says, I have permission by your faith to respond on your behalf
- Your faith allows me to intervene in your circumstance
- Your faith make Heaven's resources legal on earth
- Your faith is an invitation to me



# Faith – Cont'd

*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.*

*And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. 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.*

*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. - Joshua 10:12-14*

## **When you are in faith:**

- All things are possible
- The earth recognizes the tenacity of faith



# Faith – Cont'd

## **When you are in faith:**

- Things subject to faith respond to faith
- There is great momentum in faith
- Faith is essentially unstoppable
- The actions of faith ushers in a permanent solution
- Faith is infectious, captivating and compelling – See Joshua 10:29, 31, 34, 36, 38
- Let your faith be viral!
- The pedigree of conquests resulting from faith Joshua 12:7-24



# Conclusion

## **From the pages of Joshua**

- You open the door of the resources of Heaven when you respond in faith to what He has said
- Faith will never move you until it has first moved your mouth



# Next Week

We will continue next week, beginning with:

- Land still to be conquered