

/I will now begin with the eleventh lecture on the book of Joshua. / I will discuss Joshua chapter 11 today. / This chapter talks about the account of Joshua conquering remaining parts of Canaan.

/In verses 1-5, Jabin, the king of Hazor heard that the southern part of Canaan was conquered. / So he united with other northern kings and went against Joshua.

/In verse 1, When Jabin, king of Hazor heard of this, he sent word to Jobab, king of Madon, to the kings of Shimron and Acshaph. / He united with other kings and formed a great army.

/Read verse 4. /They came out with all their troops and a large number of horses and chariots – a huge army, as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

/The evil men have united and formed a huge army. / Their numbers were huge that the Bible records them 'as numerous as the sand on the seashore.' / As Joshua went on to conquer the land of Canaan, the devil constantly went against him.

/The devil still disheartens us today. / And he gives us false comfort to make us fall. / That is why we must not stay idle after a single victory. / We would fall to the schemes of the devil if we are not careful.

/Who was the king that went against Joshua? / It was the king of Hazor. / This king became the center of the evil scheme. / Unlike him, we must volunteer in doing what is right and good. / But we must not take part in any evil schemes of man.

/The devil is fond of uniting even today. / Look at the believers of heresies. / They unite very well. / But we must not follow the protest of evil people. / We must strive to do what is righteous.

/Even though the army centered around the king of Hazor was great, / God reassured Joshua and said, / 'do not be afraid of them.' / It is so because He has handed them to the Israelites. / In verses 6-9, /It is stated, that God has handed the enemies to the Israelites.

/Verse 6. / The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel, slain. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots."

/God spoke to Joshua and said, / 'Do not be afraid of them.' / They were fearful before the eyes of men. / Joshua must have been afraid because these kings of north have united to defeat him.

/Then why did God told Joshua not to be afraid? / It is because the result of war is in the hands of the LORD. / He personally said that / 'I will hand all of them to Israel, slain.'

/No matter how strong the army is, if God hands them over to us, we can triumph. / But this war symbolizes the spiritual war. / If they depend on God and advance by faith, / they can defeat the enemies regardless of the number of their enemies.

/God is the ultimate backup and strength to those who serve God today. / And while He was speaking to Joshua, He added, 'You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.'

/The Israelites can win this war if Joshua obeys the commands of God. / If he does that, the Israelites can defeat this strong army.

/Likewise, in our spiritual battles, / we can triumph if we believe and obey the Word of God. / Joshua was victorious by believing in the Word of God.

/In verse 7, it is written, 'So Joshua and his whole army came against them suddenly at the Waters of Merom and attacked them.' / They ambushed their enemies and defeated them. / Here, Joshua obeyed the Word of God right away.

/Moreover, Joshua not only obeyed God but took the opportunity given to him. / We can defeat any formidable enemies if we obey God. / God gave Joshua an opportunity to defeat his enemy. / And he took the opportunity by obeying God.

/We must not neglect the opportunity given to us by God as we fight in our spiritual battle. /Due to the obedience of Joshua, the Israelites were able to triumph in the battle. / He strictly obeyed the command of God.

/He not only has slain all his enemies but / hamstrunged the horses and burned their chariots. / Because Joshua fully obeyed God, he was able to defeat his enemies.

/However, why did God order them to hamstring the horses? / When the horses' hamstrings are cut off, they can no longer be used for war. / And it is possible for the Israelites to take enemies' horses and use them for war.

/Even though the horses may go to waste, the Israelites should not take them if God has not allowed them. / Also, another reason why God ordered them to cut off the hamstring of horses / is to make them rely on God, not on horses or chariots.

/People today tend to rely on tangible things. / Some rely on people, / some rely on wealth, / and others rely on weapons. / But only God is worthy to be relied on.

/We cannot depend on high-tech weapons. / Only those who rely on God can be ultimate victors. / Many people today trust in worldly things and fail.

/To whom can we depend our life on? / Only God is worthy of our trust and dependence. / Only He is the creator / and the sovereign One who holds life of every mankind.

/Once again, we can defeat our enemies if we advance by trusting God. /And God instructed Joshua to trust only on Him.

/In verses 10-14, the account of king Hazor and other kings' death is recorded. / The king of Hazor thought that they would triumph because he was united with other kings. / But because Joshua obeyed God, he was able to defeat his enemies.

/Verse 10. / At that time Joshua turned back and captured Hazor and put its king to the sword. (Hazor had been the head of all these kingdoms.)

/Just like God has commanded, Joshua completely destroyed his enemies. / It is possible to accuse Joshua to be merciless and uncompassionate. / But God ordered him to completely destroy his enemies.

/What does this teach us? / It teaches us that those who unite with evil people will eventually be destroyed. / Those who go against the church of God, / the truth, / and those who harm the church are all evil.

/That is why we must not help nor unite with evildoers. / We are doomed to be ruined if we participate in the works of the devil. / Joshua strictly obeyed the command of God and neglected his emotions.

/In verse 12, Joshua obeyed the command given to Moses. / It is written, 'as the Moses the servant of the LORD has commanded.' / When we obey God's Word today, we can experience amazing works of God.

/Verse 13. / Yet Israel did not burn any of the cities built on their mounds--except Hazor, which Joshua burned.

/It is written, 'except Hazor, which Joshua burned.' / The king of Hazor was an instigator of this evil act. / That is why God ordered Joshua to destroy Hazor who planned such evil acts.

/We must not be instigators of evil/ but good. / King of Hazor was judged by God because he started this evil plan. / In every generation, there were people who harmed the works of God.

/But God warned in the Bible that if people do evil they would be punished. / And what else can we learn from this Word? / We must not unite with the evildoers no matter what. / We must not help them either.

/All people who participate in the works of the devil are doomed to be ruined. /And what else can we learn from this account? / We must acknowledge that the instigators of evil will receive the terrifying judgment of God.

/We must strive for the Gospel and God / and become loyal servants of good. / In verse 15, it is written that Joshua obeyed all commandments.

/Verse 15. / As the LORD commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

/God spoke to Moses / and Moses spoke to Joshua. / And he fully obeyed every command of God. / He strictly obeyed the commands given to him.

/Saved people of God / must live an obedient life. / We must obey the Word of God / and the instructions of the pastors. /We must also obey our parents.

/In our work, we must be obedient to our employers in God. / If we live such an obedient life, we can experience the amazing works of God. / Then who can obey God?

/Those with a meek heart can obey God. / The humble can obey God. / And those who have understood the truth of God can obey Him.

/People who receive the grace and blessings of God obey the Word of God. / Through obedience, Joshua understood the attributes of God. / The war of Jehovah is won by obedience.

/Even today, God uses the obedient to carry out His plan. / Who else in the Bible received the blessings of God through obedience? / Abraham was blessed because He obeyed the Word of God.

/Likewise, God pours out His blessings and grace to those who obey Him. / In verses 16-20, the account of killing Hazor and his allies is recorded. / Those who united with the evil ones were judged by God in such a way.

/I have said in the ninth lecture. / The Hivites living in Gibeon were not killed because they made a treaty of peace with Joshua.

/Verse 16. / So Joshua took this entire land: the hill country, all the Negev, the whole region of Goshen, the western foothills, the Arabah and the mountains of Israel with their foothills,

/Here, Joshua not only took all the lands of Negev, / but also Mt. Halak on the north / and up to Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon. / He was able to conquer all because God was with him. / And in verse 19, the Hivites living in Gibeon were all spared from death.

/Verse 19. / Except for the Hivites living in Gibeon, not one city made a treaty of peace with the Israelites, who took them all in battle.

/It is written, 'Except for the Hivites in Gibeon, not one city made a treaty of peace with the Israelites'. / So all other tribes of Canaan were handed by God to the Israelites.

/Since the Hivites in Gibeon knew the work of God, / they did not go against Israel / but made a treaty of peace to preserve their life. / And Joshua was able to triumph because he obeyed the Word of God. / The Canaanites were destroyed by Joshua. / It is written in verse 20.

/Verse 20. / For it was the LORD himself who hardened their hearts to wage war against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally, exterminating them without mercy, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

/God knew that they would wage war against Israel out of their hardened heart. / So the reason of their destruction was because of their hardened heart. / People with a hardened heart are designed to be destroyed by God.

/Those people do not listen to the Word of God. / And they cannot understand the precious truth. / But why did they have hardened hearts? / They were left with hardened hearts because God planned to destroy them.

/People with hardened hearts are planned to be destroyed by God. / And because of that the Canaanites have waged war against the Israelites. / The meek and the humble obey the Word of God.

/In verses 21 to 23, the account of Joshua conquering the entire land of Canaan by destroying Anakites is recorded. / In verse 21, / when the Israelites first saw the Anakites, they trembled in fear.

/Verse 21. / At that time Joshua went and destroyed the Anakites from the hill country: from Hebron, Debir and Anab, from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua totally destroyed them and their towns.

/But Joshua destroyed the Anakites from the hill country / and their towns. / When the first twelve spies were sent in the land of Canaan, / they reported that Anakites were giants.

/The Israelites at that time were afraid of the Anakites. / Even though it was the promised land of God, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years because they were afraid and blamed God.

/But because God was with the people of Israel, they were able to destroy them / even though they were afraid of the Anakites at first./ No matter how strong our enemies seem like, / we can still defeat them /if we depend on God / and obey the Word of God.

/That is why we need faith today. / And Christians must possess power. / We can accomplish our callings if we have power. / And we can overcome our enemies if we have power.

/We can triumph when we advance by faith in God and not be afraid of our enemies.
/ 1 John 5:3

/Verse 22./ No Anakites were left in Israelite territory; only in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod did any survive.

/In such a manner, Joshua was able to destroy those gigantic Anakites. / Even though they were afraid at first, / their fears were gone by the power of God.

/And they were able to defeat such powerful enemies. / In verse 23, it is stated that Joshua has taken all the land which God has commanded.

/Verse 23. / So Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war.

/It is written, 'So Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses.' / The land of Canaan is promised by God. / So God spoke to Moses / and Moses conveyed those words to Joshua.

/Joshua was able to take the entire land of Canaan / because He believed in the Word and obeyed them. / We can experience such miracles when we believe and obey God. / Our territories will expand when we obey the Word of God.

/Even today, God gives power to the obedient to accomplish the calling of God. /The war of the Israelites / is won by their obedience. / If they disobeyed the Word of God, / they would not have been able to conquer the land of Canaan.

/We are still fighting our spiritual battles today. / We constantly fight the good fight of faith every day. / In a war, the victor becomes the master over the defeated.

/The glory of God will be revealed and our territories will expand when we triumph in these spiritual battles. / Just as the Israelites have conquered the land of Canaan, / we, the redeemed saints today / must conquer this world with the Gospel.

/We must evangelize through the power of God and conquer this world with the Gospel. / Acts 1:8

/This is the end of the eleventh lecture on the book of Joshua. / Thank you.