

Beware of Counterfeits

Joshua and Israel fail to seek God's help

Why do we need to seek God's help?

- I. People will _____ to get what they want (Josh. 9:3-6)
- II. People will _____ to get what they want (Josh. 9:7-13)
(Gibeon lies to convince Israel they are from a distant land)
 - A. We heard about the works of the God of the Israelites, and we traveled a great distance make _____ (Josh. 9:8-11)
 - B. Our _____ is moldy from the long journey (Josh. 9:12)
 - C. Our _____, which were new when we left, are now cracked (Josh. 9:13a)
 - D. Our _____ and _____ are worn out from the long trip (Josh. 9:13b)
- III. We are not _____ to make sound decisions (Josh. 9:14-15)
 - A. Joshua and the leaders of Israel ratify a peace treaty with Gibeon
 - B. Joshua and the Israelites made two mistakes in ratifying the treaty
 1. In sampling Gibeon's provisions they accepted as evidence things that were highly _____
 2. Joshua and the leaders did not seek _____ from _____

The consequences of not reaching out to God

- I. Israel discovers that they have been tricked (Josh. 9:16-17)
- II. Israel must _____ the treaty or face God's _____ (Josh. 9:18-19)

Gibeon's punishment (Josh. 9:20-27)

- I. Gibeon would be _____ to Israel (Josh. 9:20-21, 23)
- II. Gibeon lost its _____ (Josh. 9:26-27)

Questions to Ponder

- I. Do we seek God's _____ in all circumstances?

II. Do you understand how to _____ a counterfeit Gospel, church, or believer?

III. Is your faith in God _____?

How are you saved?

- A. You _____ in Jesus (John 3:16-18; Rom. 10:9-10)
- B. You _____ of your sins (Acts 2:38; Rom 3:10-12, 23, 6:23)
(This makes you a child of God)
- C. You _____ God and His Word (John 14:15; 21; 23)
- D. You will be _____ (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 5:17)
(This proves that you believe and are saved)