

“This God is Our God” – Joshua 10:1-15

As we continue our journey with Joshua and the people of Israel, we come to one of the most amazing miracles recorded in the book of Joshua (and that’s saying a lot). The Scripture records “the sun and moon stood still” and describes it as, “there was no day like that before it or after it”. This was an unusual one-of-a-kind day!

- **Gibeon under _____ . (1-5)** As the people of Israel continue their conquest, the kings of the land join forces to defeat the Israelites and stop their advancement. A strategic **location was the city of Gibeon, who were now in a covenant league with this invading army.**

Note: Making peace with God does not mean you will be at peace with others. Being in covenant with God does not mean you will not have trouble; it means God will be with you in all your troubles.

Psalm 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:7, “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.”

- **Joshua to the _____ . (6-7)** In keeping with the agreement and covenant made, Joshua leads his forces into position by night, ready for a battle with this confederation of pagan kings.

Note: While being in covenant with God does not eliminate troubles, it does provide an ally and support network of fellow believers. God often uses people to bless and protect other people!

- **The battle is the _____ . (8-11)** As was true in other battles, God fought for Israel! God confounded the armies of the confederation and they began to retreat. While they were retreating, the “LORD threw large stones from heaven on them”. More died from the hailstones than from the sword of the enemy.

Note: We are engaged in a spiritual warfare, but the battle is not ours, it is the Lord’s. He will prevail!

- **The LORD listened to the voice of a _____ . (12-15)** During this great conflict on the battlefield, Joshua prayed in the presence of the sons of Israel and requested a strange thing. He asked the LORD to cause the sun and the moon to stand still, and God answered!

Whatever happened on this day, one thing is clear, God did it! Whether by altering the natural course of the heavens or relieving the oppressive heat from the sun, or making the day appear longer altering the reflection of the sun rays, it is clear that it came about as a result of Joshua’s prayer.

Note: The Sovereign God of heaven is always attentive to the prayers of His children.

Application and Encouragement:

- ✓ **This God is “our” God. One of the attributes of God is His immutability; He does not change.**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism says that “[God] is a spirit, whose being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.”

- ✓ **Our God, therefore, is a God of miracles!**
- ✓ **Our God hears us when we pray!**
- ✓ **Our God is our refuge and strength in troubled times!**