

Sermon Questions November 1, 2020

1. Read Joshua 9. Why did the kings band together? (verses 1-2)
2. Why did the Gibeonites not join the other kings to attack Israel?
3. Why did their ruse work? (verse 14)
4. Once their ruse was discovered, what was the result?
5. Why did God want the inhabitants of Canaan destroyed? What was the origin of the whole problem between Israel and the Canaanites? (Genesis 9:25-27)
6. In that story, God cursed the descendants of Ham. Why? What two sins did Ham commit in this story? Did Noah also sin? Why wasn't he cursed?
7. What people received the consequences of Ham's sin? (Exodus 23:23-24) (Deuteronomy 7:1-2) Were the Gibeonites a part of those descendants? Look up what tribes they were part of. If you can't find it, text Doug.
8. Why did God want those tribes completely destroyed?
9. What do you believe about generational curses?
10. Why did God not order Joshua to kill the Gibeonites?
11. What was their curse?
12. Why did Israel keep their treaty with the Gibeonites?
13. What lessons are there for us to learn? Are some sins worse than others? Thinking back to Noah's issue with Ham, what can we learn about how to handle, and how not to handle another person's sin?
14. According to Doug, the main theme of Joshua 9 is God's mercy. Do you agree? Why did God show mercy to the Gibeonites? In what circumstances does God show mercy to us?