

- 1 ☐ **Studies in Joshua**
“Lessons For New Believers”
Part 2
Joshua 10:1-14

- 2 ☐ **Three important lessons for those who have decided to be on God’s side**
[John Huffman’s outline]
 - We will face opposition vv. 1-5
 - We will discover that God keeps His covenant vv. 6-11
 - We have supernatural resources vv. 12-14

- 3 ☐ **I. We will face opposition [vv. 1-5]:**
 - “It is when sinners renounce the service of their former master, and the friendship of the world, in order to make their peace with God and join interest with His people, that they must be prepared to encounter persecution from the ungodly.” A.W. Pink

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- 5 ☐ **Note the following facts about this opposition:**
 - There are “ringleaders” in Satan’s kingdom of darkness which lead others into evil!

 - Note who the opposition is

 - Note what it was which had incensed and enraged them

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 - Note that the overthrowing of them was neither an easy or a pleasant task!

 - Note some of the reasons why God permits such opposition and attacks in the Christian life
 - To help us remember our own roots and our origins
 - To test our faith

- 7 ☐ **Note how the Gibeonites reacted to this opposition**
 - Joshua 10:6 *“The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.”*

- 8 ☐ **II. You will discover that God Keeps His covenant Joshua 10:6-**

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- Joshua is a type of Christ; and the covenant Joshua had made with the Gibeonites is symbolic of the Christian's relationship to Christ through the New Covenant.
- Therefore, the plea of the Gibeonites corresponds to the Christian's prayer for help, protection and deliverance when the opposition of the forces of darkness come against him.

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- We Christians occupy a special position of privilege and favor before God because of our covenant relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ!
- We have a covenant alliance with the Almighty God, who has promised to be our shield and defender, our Savior and our deliverer from all the evil forces of this world!

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11 **We are made eligible to employ the language of Scripture in crying out to God when we are in trouble and to lay claim to His promises!**

- *“Do not abandon your servants. Come ... to us quickly and save us”* [Josh. 10:6]. *“Come and help me ...”* [v. 4].
- We can use the language of the Psalmist [Psa. 18:6] - *“In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him and into his ears.”*

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- [Vv. 16-17] *“He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters, He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes who were too strong for me.”*

13 **Jeremiah the prophet**

- *“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope; Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassion's never fail, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.”* - Lam. 3:21-23
- *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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- **“If God will stand behind a covenant worked out by duplicity between the Gibeonites and the Israelites, how much more He will stand behind**

His Covenant with Israel and with us, His new Israel?"

- John Huffman

15 ☐ **III. You Have Supernatural Resources**

- “Briefly, we would define a miracle as a supernatural event brought about by a special act of Divine providence, an extraordinary display of God’s power. It is an event occurring in the natural world, which is apparent to the senses and of such a nature that it can be rationally attributed only to the immediate act of God. As a special and more obvious interposition of God, a miracle differs from His common or ordinary providences.” A.W. Pink

16 ☐ **Some Biblical examples:**

- a) In Abraham’s day it was fire and brimstone raining down from heaven to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah.
- b) In Moses’ time the Red sea was parted and its waters stood up like walls.
- c) In Joshua’s time, the sun was halted in the sky for the length of an extra day.

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- d. In Elijah’s time, and iron ax floated on top of the water.
- e. In Daniel’s day, the fire did not consume he and his friends when they were cast into the fiery furnace.
- f. In Christ’s day (among many other miracles) the raging storm was instantly calmed at His command!

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22 ☐ **Three Great Quotes From A.W. Pink**

- “As the Westminster Confession so admirably expresses it, ‘God in His ordinary providence maketh use of means, yet is free to work without [Hosea 1:7], above [Romans 4:19], and against [II Kings 6:6; Daniel 3:27] them at His pleasure.’ It must not be thought that the Creator has brought into existence a system or instituted such laws as tie His own hands. No, ‘*Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places*’ (Psalm 135:6).”

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- **Miracles, says Pink, “are due to the direct intervention of One Who is superior to those laws [i.e. the laws of nature], and can alter the mode of their operation whenever it pleases Him.”**

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- **“The theories and hypotheses advanced by atheists [regarding miracles] are incredible and irrational ... But once the living God be postulated as their Author, one who is eternal and almighty, infinite in wisdom and goodness, supernatural works are to be expected. To say that miracles are ‘impossible’ is absurd and the acme of arrogance, for the one who makes such an assertion virtually assumes himself to be possessed of omniscience - endowed with all knowledge. ...**

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- **...To deny that they exist is, if possible, still worse, for it is a deliberate closing of the eyes to that which confronts us on every side. Creation is a miracle, for it immeasurably transcends the capabilities and even the understanding of the natural man. The combined wit and resources of all physicists and scientists in the world could not create so much as a single blade of grass. No wonder the Lord asks puny man, ‘Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding’ (Job 38:4).”**

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If we choose to believe and place our trust in the living God of Scripture we ourselves will discover three things:

1)We will encounter opposition in this world

2)We will discover that God will keep His covenant

3)We will discover that we have supernatural resources