

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of Joshua - Israel's journey of faith into the Promised Land.
- * Last week we began looking at Israel's conquest of the southern portion of the Promised Land ... though, it did not necessarily begin as such.
- * Israel came to the aid of the Gibeonites who were being attacked by the Amorite kings led by Adoni-Zedek of Jerusalem.
- * After Joshua had mobilized the troops and ascended from Gilgal, YHWH told him not to fear for He HAD delivered them into Joshua's hand! (v. 8)
- * In our consideration of Israel's deliverance of Gibeon, we began discussing the spiritual nature of our battles ...
- * When studying the Bible, in its context, it is good to look for repetitive words and phrases to find major themes ...
What are repeating phrases in this passage?

INSTRUCTION**I. ISRAEL'S O_____**

A. They F_____ - The Necessity of U_____

B. They P_____ - The Necessity of C_____

II. GOD'S D_____**CONSIDER THE PARALLEL TO THE CHURCH (Acts 2:40-47)**

THE CHURCH'S F_____

☞ They _____ - The Necessity of U_____ (v. 42)

☞ They P_____ - The Necessity of C_____ (v. 42,44-46)

THE LORD'S B_____

v. 47 *"And the LORD added to the church daily those who were being saved."*

INTROSPECTION*** DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE SPIRITUAL WAR THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF?**

Matthew 16:15-19 ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Ephesians 6:10-13 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1Peter 5:8-9 ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

*** ARE YOU COMMITTED TO THE TASK AHEAD?***** SATAN WOULD LOVE TO DESTROY, DISTRACT AND DISCOURAGE!**

REMEMBER, 'BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS!'

*** IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK?**