

Chapter 7

The Battle Begins

Day One – The Fame of God

Today's reading: Page 89 through break on page 92

This reading covers: Joshua 1-2

Summary: Rahab demonstrates that God is well-known for what he has done.

Consider this:

The spies entered Jericho secretly and were hidden from the king by the prostitute Rahab. What other choices could Rahab have made regarding the spies? What was the risk she was taking by hiding them in her home?

God had a reputation even in this pagan land. Rahab was aware of the mighty power of the Israelites' God. She says, "... for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." (Joshua 2:11) How did Rahab know about the God of the Israelites? What specific details did she know?

How do people around you know you have a mighty God? What evidence of God do they see in your life? Based on what you tell others, do they respect and fear the mighty power of your God? Do they also know of his love? What can you do to help them see God as the Savior he is?

For further reading: 2 Corinthians 2:4-16

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you are mighty to save. Thank you for witnessing in the lives of Christians. Like the children of Israel long ago, will you make yourself known through me to those around me? In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Two – Complete Destruction

Today's reading: Break on page 92 through break on page 99

This reading covers: Joshua 6-11

Summary: God's people completely destroy the cities they conquer as they take the land.

Consider this:

Distractions from God take many forms. We can find value in money and belongings. Distractions can be people, jobs, television, even really good and worthwhile activities.

What do you need to rid yourself of, in order to ensure complete devotion to God? What do you need to give up to keep your heart true to God? Our God is a jealous God, and is not willing to share with anything that may take our focus from him. Is God dealing with you in an area of devotion? What changes might you need to make?

For further reading: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Prayer:

Father God, you are my one true God. You are my creator, redeemer, savior, and friend. You are worthy of all my devotion. Please remove the distractions of the world around me. As I go through my day, help me to keep things in perspective so that you are always in the front. Demolish the strongholds in my life that take me away from you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Three – Make a Choice

Today's reading: Break on page 99 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Joshua 23-24

Summary: Continual, absolute allegiance to God was needed to live in this new land.

Consider this:

Joshua is about to die. He calls his people together and reviews where God has taken them and what God has done. Do you ever review your own history and let yourself be reminded of where God has taken you? It is good to remember the things God has taught you and recall the events that have built up your faith in years past. The more we build our faith, the stronger our faith is for the next trial.

Living our lives is like living in the Promised Land. One trial after another will come our way. Just like the Israelites, we need complete allegiance to God in order to live the best way we can. End your time today pledging your allegiance to God. Take the time to read Joshua 24:15 as a further reading. Use the verse as your pledge of allegiance. Write your prayer out in your journal as a reminder of your pledge.

For further reading: Joshua 24:15

Prayer:

Father God, today I pledge my allegiance to you. As for me and my household, we will serve you. I choose to love you first and to do my best to live the way you desire. Please help me with my questions and failures. You are my God, and there is no other. In Jesus' name, Amen.