

“This Is Why We Did This”



Joshua 9-10

Gibeonites heard the story and saw
the evidence. *(9:3, 9-10)*

Immediately received the truth
and responded with actions.

no delay... hostility... stubbornness...
hesitancy... excuses

Knowing they were targeted and would be destroyed (9:24), they used deception and humility (9:8, 25) to seek peace and friendship.

Israelites were fooled because they did not
take time to pray and seek God's leading.

(9:14)

After the ruse was discovered, the Gibeonites were assigned work detail, servants of the Israelites. But the friendship held, and Israel considered them an ally.

(10:1-15)

God honored this treaty and many years later demanded punishment for the descendants of King Saul, who had violated it.

(11 Sam. 21:1-6)

Deception often pay TEMPORARILY, but is never the best answer ULTIMATELY.

Deception may buy safety, but not security.

Integrity always pay **ULTIMATELY** though
it is sometimes costly in the **short run**.

Admit mistakes. But honor God over
human opinion.

When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore, stand in awe of God.

GIANTS!

- *Anakim (Num. 13:26:23)*
- *Emim/Zuzim (Deut. 2:8-11, 20-21)*
- *Rephaim (Duet. 2:11, 20-22, 3:11-13,
Josh 12:4, 13:12)*

- *Descendants of Rapha... Goliath
was one of this clan.*

The **PRIZE** of the land vs. the **SIZE** of the opponent (*Numbers 13-14*)

CHOICE: **Intimidation** or **Trust**.