

11. Discuss the circumstances surrounding the treaty with the Gibeonites. (Joshua Chapter 9) How does 2 Samuel, chapter 21, relate to this treaty - how many of Saul's innocent descendants were killed?

We see again this week that God will not tolerate sin, and that a community that condones it -- even without its knowledge -- has sin within it, and is quickly and severely punished. We also see that when God is allowed to lead, there is always victory; but when man depends on his own will, follows his own lusts, and ignores God, defeat lies at the doorstep. Praise God we also see displayed in Joshua His infinite mercy and His unchanging faithfulness, as He leads Israel deeper and deeper into the Promise Land.

Let's commit this week to follow God's plan for our lives and not to follow our own desires. Let's also commit this week to tell someone else about His great love for us and the gift of eternal salvation that He provides to everyone through His one and only son Jesus.

Thanks for studying with us,

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