

The Attack of the Enemy

1. The enemy's attack by clever deception – Designed to deceive
 - A. The attack of the Gibeonites
 - 1) The area kings gather for war – Joshua 9:1-2 (214)
 - 2) The Gibeonites plan to deceive Joshua – Joshua 9:3-6
 - 3) Joshua tries to discern who they are – Joshua 9:7-13
 - 4) Joshua is tricked into making a treaty with the Gibeonites – Joshua 9:14-15
 - B. The attack of Satan on us
 - 1) Satan also uses deception to attack us – 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 (1125)
 - 2) False teachers deceive in the same way Satan disguises himself – 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
 - 3) The devil is the father of lies – John 8:44
 - C. Defending against Satan's deception
 - 1) Recognize that you are no match for Satan's deception
 - 2) Consult God and His Word on all decisions
 - a. God's instruction was to destroy all of the enemies in Canaan, no allowance was made for treaties.
 - b. Joshua never consulted God to determine the right thing to do
2. The enemy's attack by indirect attack – Designed to discourage
 - A. The attack on Gibeon by the southern kings
 - 1) The kings of the Amorites attack the Gibeonites – Joshua 10:1-5 (215)
 - 2) Joshua comes to the defense of Gibeon because of the treaty – Joshua 10:6-7
 - 3) God assures Joshua of victory – Joshua 10:8
 - 4) God intervenes in the battle to help Joshua – Joshua 10:9-11
 - B. Satan also attacks the things and people we love
 - 1) Satan determines to take everything Job has – Job 1:6-12 (493)
 - 2) Job's response is to remain faithful to God – Job 1:20-22
 - C. Defending against Satan's indirect attack
 - 1) We must be careful that nothing else rivals our love for God – 1 John 2:15-17 (1184)
 - 2) Jesus said that love for God was the greatest commandment – Mark 12:29-30 (983)
3. The enemy's attack by direct assault – Designed to overwhelm
 - A. The attack of the northern kings
 - 1) The northern kings assemble a huge army – Joshua 11:4-5 (217)
 - 2) God assures Joshua of victory – Joshua 11:6
 - 3) Joshua obeys everything God has instructed him to do and wins the battle – Joshua 11:15-20
 - B. Satan also attempt to destroy us
 - 1) Satan is pictured as a prowling lion – 1 Peter 5:8 (1179)
 - C. When Satan attacks, we must resist in God's power
 - 1) Resist by standing firm in the faith – 1 Peter 5:9-10 (1179)
 - 2) Submit to God and resist the devil – James 4:7-8 (1174)
 - 3) We are to stand against the overwhelming attack of Satan in the strength and protection of God – Ephesians 6:10-13 (1137)