

DIVINE PRINCIPLES GLEAMED FROM THE SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN

The Southern Campaign of the conquest involved three parts.

- Gibeon Peace Treaty (Josh.ch.9)
- Gibeon War (Josh.10:1-15)
- Southern Territory Captured (Josh.10:16-43)

Strategic military defense positions were conquered during the Southern Campaign. The defeat of the five Amorite kings at Makkedah broke the defensive back of the south (Josh.10:23).

The Southern Campaign captured key cities in both the mountains and plains (Josh.10:40-43/ one campaign).

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletical points.

- Josh.10:16-28 – Capture of the five Amorite kings
- Josh.10:29-39 – Cherem War Ban
- Josh.10:40-41 – Conquered Territory
- Josh.10:42-43 – Commander of the Lord's Army (Josh.5:16)

This lesson will study five Divine Principles from the Southern campaign.
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We will study these divine principles because they are relevant for church age believers. This is based on the promise that "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Heb.13:8)

1. The First divine principle is that even unbelievers can read and believe the Bible for its historic and military information.

We learned how Rahab and the kings of the Amorites heard about the power of the Lord God of Israel and their hearts melted (Josh.2:9-11; 5:1).

The Makkedah military victory became historically important in Israel's history. Sennacherib used this military strategy to attack Jerusalem during King Hezekiah (2 Kings 18:13-17; 19:5-21; 32-37).

2. The Second divine principle is that God is in the miracle business. God used unbelievable miracles in the Central and Southern Campaigns (Jordan River and Jericho Walls).

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the Harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedience, after she welcomed the spies in peace."(Heb.11:30-31)

In the Southern Campaign three miracles were performed: confusion (Josh.10:10), hailstones (Josh.10:11), and Sun and moon stopped (Josh.10:12-13).

"And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect."(Heb.11:39-40)

3. The third divine principle is that Israel had the pre-incarnate Lord as the commander of the Lord's Army (Josh.5:16).

He promised to give them victory over their enemies (Josh.10:8, 42).

Church age believers have the incarnate Jesus Christ, the Second member of the Godhead, living within them through the third member of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit (Gal.4:4-7, 19; 3:2-3, 26-29; 2:20-21; 1:15-16).

4. Fourth divine principle that we learn from the Southern Campaign is the power of prayer.

“And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the Lord listened to the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.” (Josh.10:14)

“But the prayer of the upright is His delight.” (Prov.15:8b) “The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.” (Prov.15:29)

“For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (1 Pet.3:12; Ps.35:15-18)

“Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.” (Luke 18:1-8) [Note the two questions Jesus ask regarding this parable.]

“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” (James 5:16b; 1 John 5:14-15)

5. The fifth divine principle is that the battle is the Lord's but the fight is ours!

“And Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.” (Josh.10:42)

It isn't enough to know this principle. You must be willing to cycle it through faith (hearing, believing, applying, and completing).

- David cycled it when faced with Goliath (1 Sam.17:47).
- Jahaziel cycled it when faced with war (2 Chron.20:1-2, 14-17).

“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Tim.6:12; 1:18)

“I have fought the good fight of faith, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Tim.4:7-8)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.” (Eph.6:10)