

## **Making A Deal With The Enemy**

*Joshua 9:1-27*

### **Introduction:**

- A. Have you ever made a deal that turned out to be bad? A deal you wished you hadn't made?
- B. When we make bad deals, there is always a price to pay.

### **The Deception (vs. 1-13):**

- A. The Gibeonites go all out preparing themselves to appear the opposite of what they are.
- B. Many times Christians are deceived by their enemy, Satan (2 Cor. 11:3; 14).
- C. Consider all the ways Satan has used deception to deceive God's people over the years.
  - 1. Adam and Eve (Gen. 3) -
  - 2. Samson (Judg. 16) -
  - 3. David (2 Sam. 11) -
  - 4. Disciples (Jn. 6:66) -

### **The Downfall (vs. 14-15):**

- A. Joshua and his leaders never sought counsel from God (v. 14).
- B. God has told us to give no opportunity to the devil (Eph. 4:27).

### **The Defeat (vs. 16-19):**

- A. The people grumbled against their leaders
- B. The Israelites camp is now in jeopardy.
- C. Consider the consequences we bring upon ourselves when we make a deal with the enemy.
  - 1. We put our soul in jeopardy (Ezek. 18:4, 20; Lk., 8:17)
  - 2. We put our families in jeopardy (Rom. 6:23).
  - 3. We put the church and the Lord's cause in jeopardy (Num. 32:23).

### **The Decision (vs. 20-21):**

- A. Israel honored the covenant they made with the Gibeonites.
- B. Joshua found the best way possible to correct Israel's mistake.
- C. God's grace is bigger than our sins (Rom. 5:20-21).

### **Conclusion:**

- A. Joshua and the people of Israel made a deal with the enemy, but they didn't allow that to keep them from doing what God called them to do.
- B. You may be at a point in your life where you have made deals with the enemy. Why not make the decision tonight to correct your mistake?