

**Develop Spiritual Wisdom!**  
**Momentum: Getting on Track With God – Pt. 6**  
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**Joshua 9**





**Joshua 9:1**, *Now when all the kings west of the Jordan heard about these things the kings in the hill country, in the western foothills, and along the entire coast of the Mediterranean Sea as far as Lebanon ....<sup>2</sup> they came together to wage war against Joshua and Israel.*

**Joshua 9:3**, *But when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai,<sup>4</sup> they resorted to deception to save themselves. They sent ambassadors to Joshua, loading their donkeys with weathered saddlebags and old, patched wineskins.<sup>5</sup> They put on worn-out, patched sandals and ragged clothes. And the bread they took with them was dry and moldy.*

**Satan will do all he can to deceive and destroy us.**

**James 4:7**, *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**1 Peter 5:8**, *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

**Joshua 9:6**, *...The Gibeonites come to Joshua and say ... "We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us."*

**Joshua 9:8**, *.... But Joshua asked, "Who are you and where do you come from?"<sup>9</sup> They answered: "Your servants have come from a very distant country because of the fame of the Lord your God. For we have heard reports of him: all that he did in Egypt"*

**Joshua 9:11**, ... “We are your servants; make a treaty with us.”<sup>12</sup> This bread of ours was warm when we packed it at home on the day we left to come to you. But now see how dry and moldy it is.<sup>13</sup> And these wineskins that we filled were new, but see how cracked they are. And our clothes and sandals are worn out by the very long journey.”<sup>14</sup> The Israelites sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the Lord.

## **How Do We Get Spiritual Wisdom?**

### **1. ASK for It**

**James 1:5**, *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

**Proverbs 3:5**, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

### **2. Make PRAYER a Priority**

**John 5:19**, *...I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”*

### **3. Spend Time in God’s WORD**

**Psalm 119:105**, *...Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

### **4. Seek His PEACE**

**Colossians 3:15**, *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...*

**Joshua 9:15**, *Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.<sup>16</sup> Three days after they made the treaty with the Gibeonites, the Israelites heard that they were neighbors, living near them.*

**The Israelites turn a mistake into victory.**

**Joshua 9:26**, *So Joshua saved them from the Israelites, and they did not kill them. <sup>27</sup> That day he made the Gibeonites woodcutters and water carriers for the assembly, to provide for the needs of the altar of the Lord at the place the Lord would choose. And that is what they are to this day.*

**God demonstrates His great mercy to the Gibeonites.**

**God redeemed the mistakes they made in their life.**

**Psalm 23:6**, *....Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, All the days of my life....*

**Romans 5:8**, *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*