

# Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

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## Beware of Deception

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Joshua 9:1-15

Joshua 8 shows us how to move to victory by learning from our mistakes. In Joshua 9, we discover that the enemies of the people of God can devise clever strategies to thwart the plan and purpose of God. The believer must always be on guard. Here we see three themes that the Christian deals with on a daily basis, deception, gullibility, and integrity. When it comes to deception, we must understand:

1. The

But when the **inhabitants of Gibeon heard** what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, Joshua 9:3

And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "**We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us.**" Joshua 9:6

2. The

**they on their part acted with cunning** and went and **made ready provisions** and took **worn-out sacks** for their donkeys, and **wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended**, Joshua 9:4

**with worn-out, patched sandals** on their feet, and **worn-out clothes**.

And all their provisions were **dry and crumbly**.

Joshua 9:5

See Deuteronomy 20:10-18

3. The

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So the **men took some of their provisions**, but **did not ask counsel from the Lord**. Joshua 9:14

And **Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them**, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

Joshua 9:15