

Tricked Into A Treaty **Joshua 9**

Scammed into making a covenant, 9:1-15

- ◆ Gibeonites knew of Dt. 7:2, 20:11ff. (Josh 9:24). They had spies too!
- ◆ Gibeonite lies depended on elaborate ruse—crusty bread (recall Ai).
- ◆ What must we realize? See Lk. 16:8, Mtt. 10:16, 24: 4,5,11, II Cor. 11:13,14, Eph. 4:14, 5:6. What about “crusty bread” today?
- ◆ Oops...should’ve checked w/God (Num. 27:21). See II Tim. 3:13-17.

Sworn oath makes for some sour feelings, 9:16-21

- ◆ Ethics issue: Obey Law or keep oath in “Lord’s name” 9:19 (cf. 2:12)?
- ◆ Both parties are guilty and leaders feel their hands are tied (swearing falsely in Lord’s name = a big deal, Ezk. 17:16ff., Zech. 5:3,4, Mal. 3:5).

Servanthood is made a binding curse, 9:22-27

- ◆ Curse makes for a dull job description, Dt. 20:11.
- ◆ Curse makes Gibeon a Levitical city (21:17) and requires them to serve at tabernacle (II Chron. 1:3)...who is meant to influence whom?
- ◆ Wrath foretold by leaders (9:20) does come in II Sam. 21:1-9. Why?
- ◆ What does this tell us about how God regards promises?

- ◆ What might be some scams out there today we must beware of?
Check out II Cor. 11:3, Col. 2:8?

