

***Do Not Get
"Snowed"***

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1 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof;

2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

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5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

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9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

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12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

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16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.

18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

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20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.

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24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

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26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

Introduction

A. Why Do People Trick Others?

1. To get something
2. To do something for them
3. Fear

B. A trickster is dishonest at heart

Proverbs 12:5

The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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C. Three principles to deal with tricksters

- 1. If it's too good to be true, it probably is not true**
- 2. Don't trust their promises; look at their track record**
- 3. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me**

I. Five Lies Told To Get An Audience

- A. “We be come from a far country” (v 6)**
- B. “...From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God” (v 9)**
- C. “This our bread we took hot ... behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:” (v 12)**
- D. “And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent:” (v 13)**
- E. “...These our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey” (v 13)**

II. Two Truths Told To Be Believable

A. We heard what your God did in Egypt and to the two kings of the Amorites (vv 9-10)

**B. “We are your servants...make ye a league with us”
(v 11)**

More lies than truth in their story

They were trying to avoid the ultimate truth (v 24)

III. The Reasons The Leaders Were “Snowed”

A. They did not inquire of God (v 14)

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

B. They looked on the outward appearances

1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

III. The Reasons The Leaders Were “Snowed”

C. They showed no discernment

Ephesians 5:15

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

D. They acted literally on their “gut” (v 14)

IV. The Results Of Being “Snowed”

A. They made a hasty promise with an oath

Numbers 30:2

If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

Matthew 5:34

But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

IV. The Results Of Being “Snowed”

B. An “unequal” yoke was made to cause them to defend the enemy

Joshua 10:6

And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

IV. The Results Of Being “Snowed”

C. It caused dissension in the people (v 19)

“And all the congregation murmured against the princes.”

D. The commandment of God was not fulfilled (v 24)

Joshua 11:19

There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.

V. The Results Of Deceiving Others

Galatians 6:7

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

A. It brings a curse (v 23)

B. It brings bondage (v 23)

C. It has long lasting consequences (v 27)

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