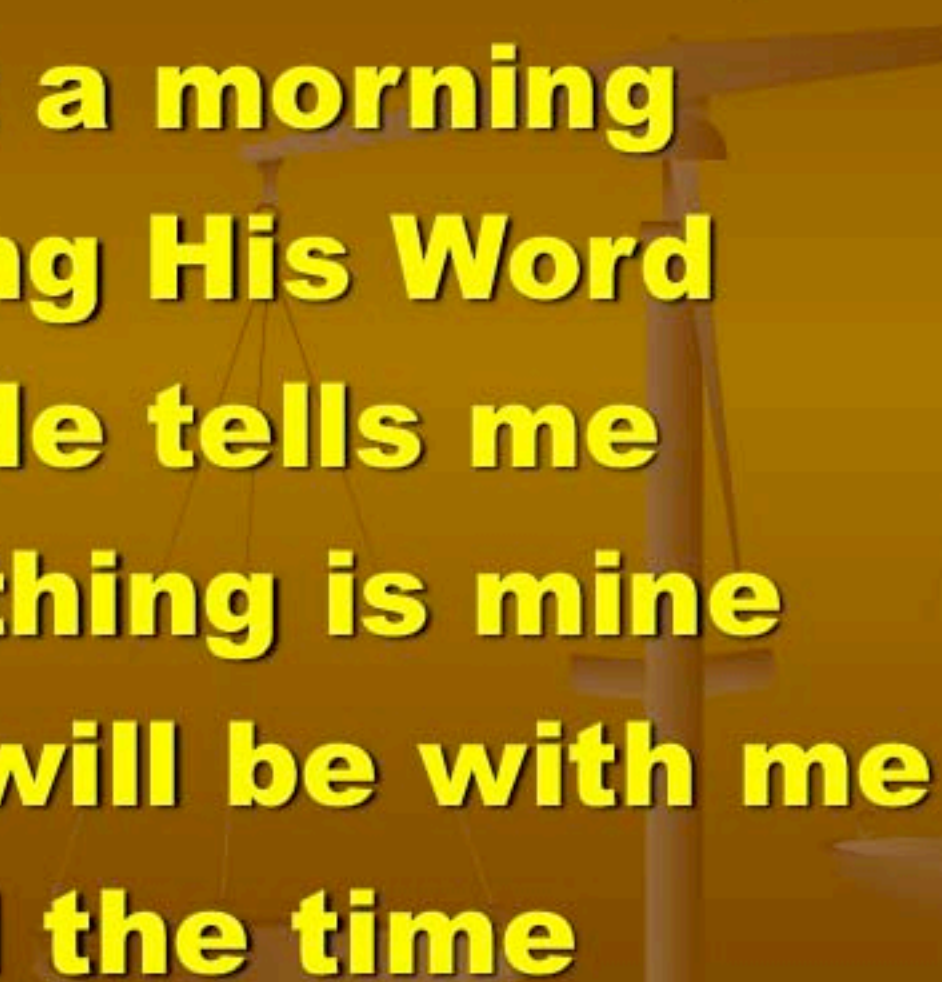


# **New Horizon**

**The stormy night has ended,  
the darkness passed away  
and on the new horizon,  
the dawning of the day  
For JESUS bought my pardon,  
He died at Calvary:  
And that is why I'm singing  
this happy melody.**



**What a morning  
to praise the Lord,  
What a morning  
to sing His Word  
For He tells me  
everything is mine  
And He will be with me  
all the time**



# **It's Not By Might**

**Not by might**

**not by pow'r**

**By My Spirit**

**saith the Lord of Hosts**

**Not by might**

**not by pow'r**

**By My Spirit saith the Lord**



**This mountain  
shall be removed**

**This mountain  
shall be removed**

**This mountain  
shall be removed**

**By My Spirit  
saith the Lord**





# **The Lord Liveth**

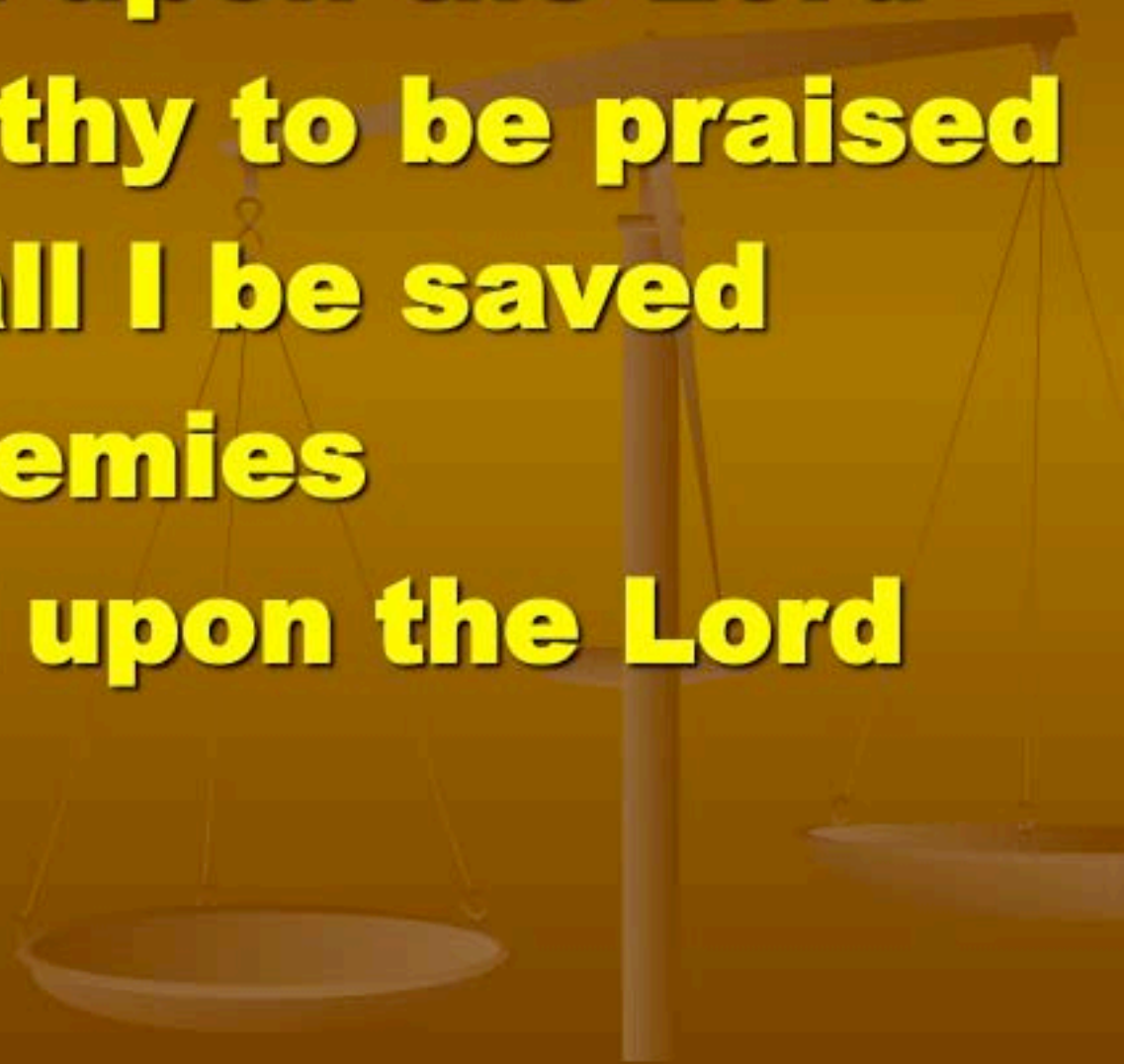
**I will call upon the Lord**

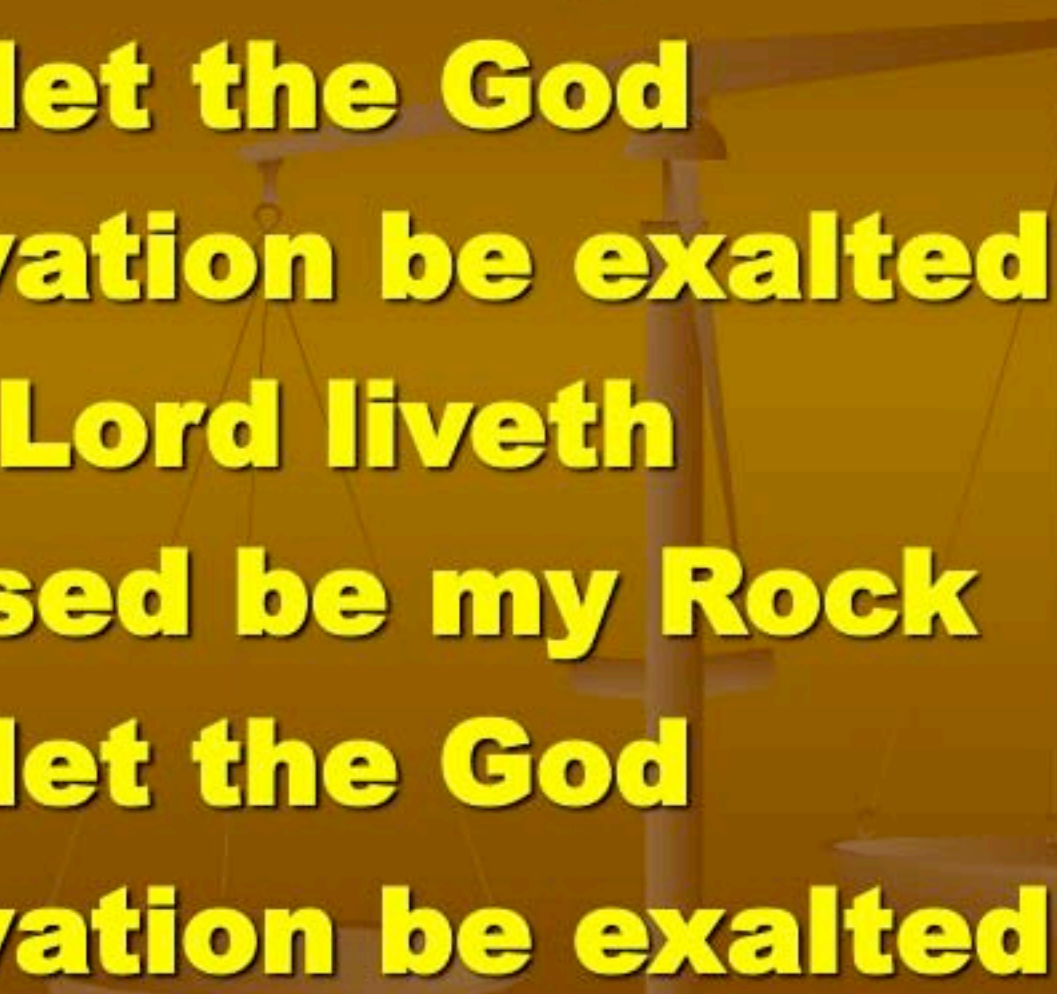
**Who is worthy to be praised**

**So shall I be saved**

**From my enemies**

**I will call upon the Lord**





**The Lord liveth  
And blessed be my rock  
And let the God  
Of my salvation be exalted  
The Lord liveth  
And blessed be my Rock  
And let the God  
Of my salvation be exalted**



**I will magnify the Lord**

**For He is**

**worthy to be praised**

**I will magnify the Lord**

**For He is worthy**

**to be praised**



**Hosanna**

**Blessed be the Rock**

**And may the God**

**of my salvation**

**Be exalted**

**Hosanna**

**Blessed be the Rock**

**And may the God**

**of my salvation**

**Be exalted**





# **Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

**Open the eyes**

**of my heart Lord**

**Open the eyes**

**of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**



**Open the eyes**

**of my heart Lord**

**Open the eyes**

**of my heart**

**I want to see You**

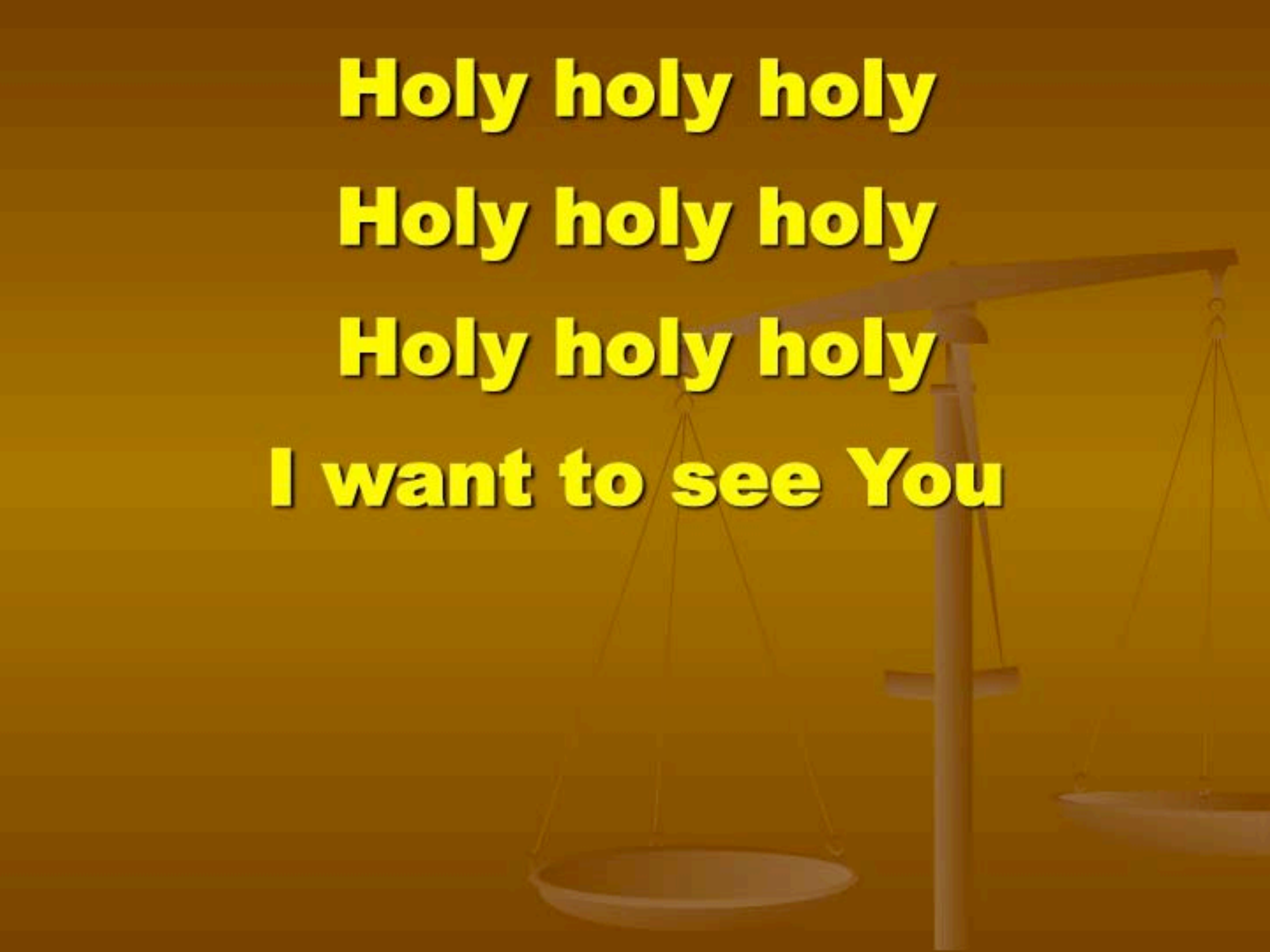
**I want to see You**





**To see You high  
and lifted up  
Shining in the light  
of Your glory  
Pour out Your power  
and love  
As we sing holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy**  
**Holy holy holy**  
**Holy holy holy**  
**I want to see You**

A faint, semi-transparent image of a balance scale is visible in the background. The scale is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its vertical post and horizontal beam extending across the middle. Two pans are suspended from the beam by thin wires. The entire scene is set against a solid, warm golden-yellow background.





**Worship The Lord  
In His Word**



# **Journey Into Success**



**How To Avoid  
Errors in Judgment**

**TEXT: Joshua 9:1-8;**

**Please Open Your Bibles  
and Let Us Read Together**

**Joshua 9:1-8** “As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, 2 they gathered together as

one to fight against Joshua and Israel. 3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and 5 with worn-out, patched sandals

on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. 6 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." 7 But the men of Israel said to the

Hivites, “Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?” 8 They said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” And Joshua said to them, “Who are you? And where do you come from?”

**Introduction:**

**When are you most likely to make an error in judgment?**

**When you least expect to, such as when you are on a spiritual high!**

**1 Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."**



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

ARAMEANS

Damascus

Hivites

Tyre

Merom

BASHAN

# Israel During Joshua's Time

## The 7 Nations of Canaan

Girgashites

Chinnereth

Dor

Canaanites

Tirzah

Shechem

Shiloh

Amorites

AMMONITES

PHILISTINES

Gaza

Aijalon

Makkedah

Gibeon

Bethel

AJ

Gibeah

Jerusalem

Gilgal

Jericho

Perizzites

Jebusites

Eglon

Libnah

Lachish

Debir

Hebron

Beersheba

Hormah

Mt Nebo

MOABITES

Hittites

Wilderness

Salt Sea (Dead Sea)

Arnon R.

EDOMITES

Kadesh barnea

Zoar





**Ebal**

Shechem Gerazim

**Gerazim**

Zarethan

Bethel

Gibeath Haaraloth

**GIBEON** **Jericho** **Gilgal**

**Legend**

- Joshua's Entrance into Canaan
- Joshua's Central Campaign
- X Battles

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In this study we will find the ingredients needed to avoid errors in judgment.

**The First is:**

**I. CONFER WITH GOD - (9:1-15)**

**A. The Hivites - GIBEONITES**

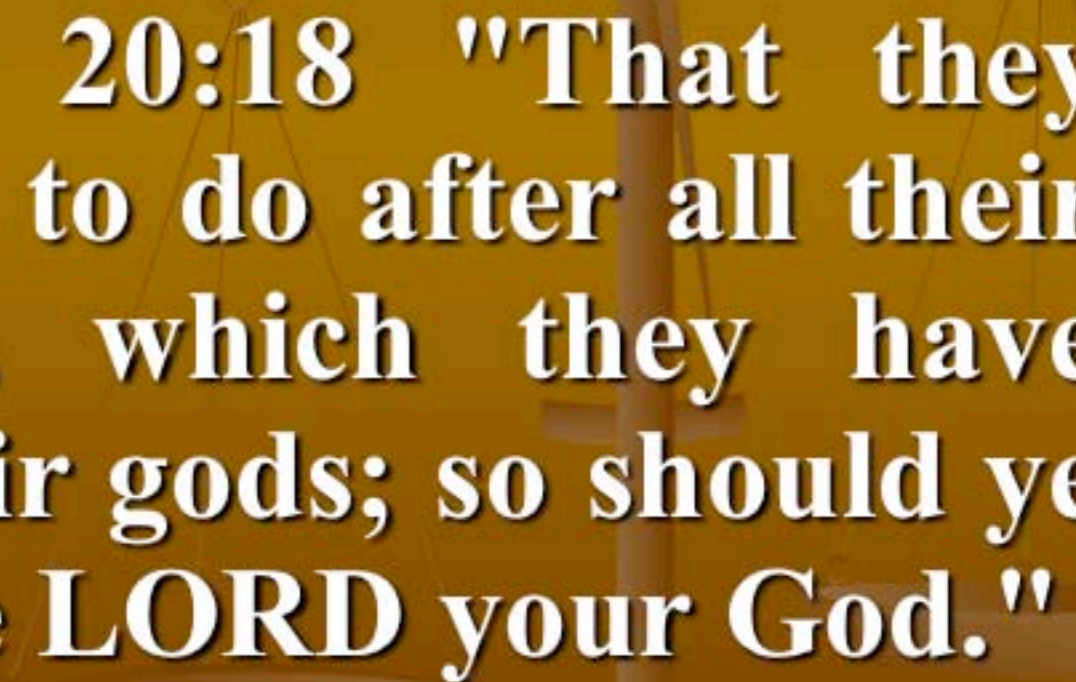
**1. Heard** - Joshua 9:3 "And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,"

Deuteronomy 20:16 "But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive **nothing** that breatheth:"

**That was GOD'S S.O.P.!!!**

**WHY, WHY, WHY?**

**Deuteronomy 20:18 "That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye **sin** against the LORD your God."**



God knew the pagan religions of Canaan were like a spiritual cancer that would infect and destroy the worship of the one true God.

Of course those who trusted in the God of Israel, as Rahab did, would be spared.

**When it comes to those with whom we Christians associate, we must always remember the truth found in**

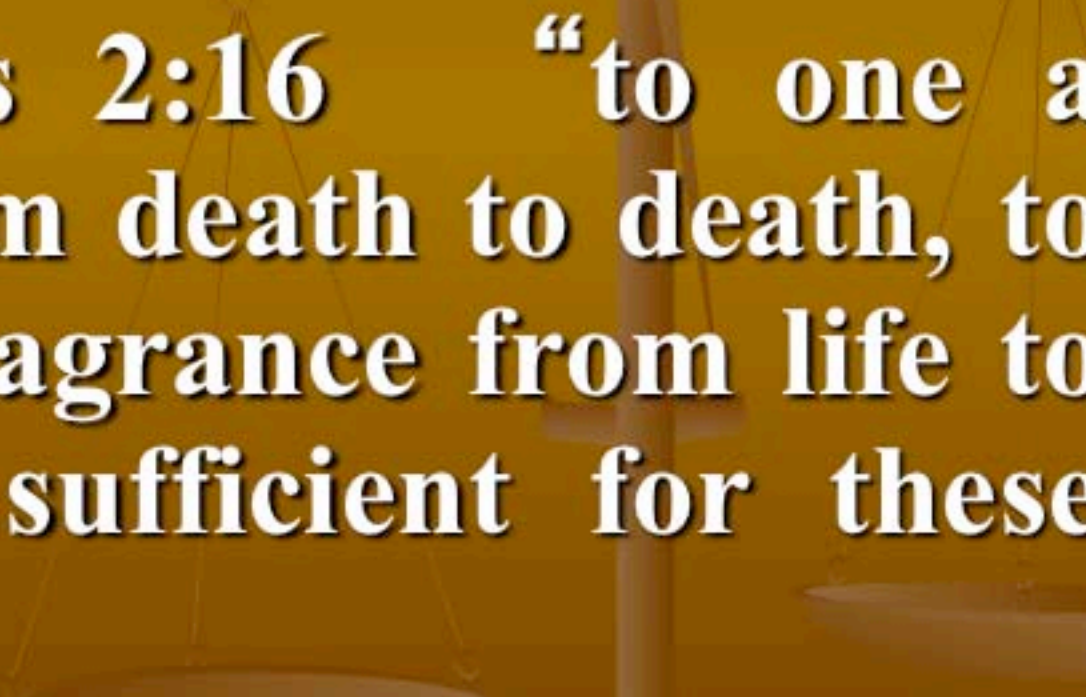
**1 Corinthians 15:33 "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." KJV**

**1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ESV**

**Birds of a feather flock together.**

## **Guilt by Association.**

**2 Corinthians 2:16** “to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?”



## **(They Also Heard - (the Hivites))**

**Deuteronomy 20:10-11** "When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto



thee, and they shall serve thee."

**SO THE HIVITES HAD HEARD,**

**Then they:**

**2. Hurried -**

**Joshua 9:6 "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."**

### **3. Hustled -**

**Joshua 9:9 "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,"**

**Joshua 9:12-13 "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**

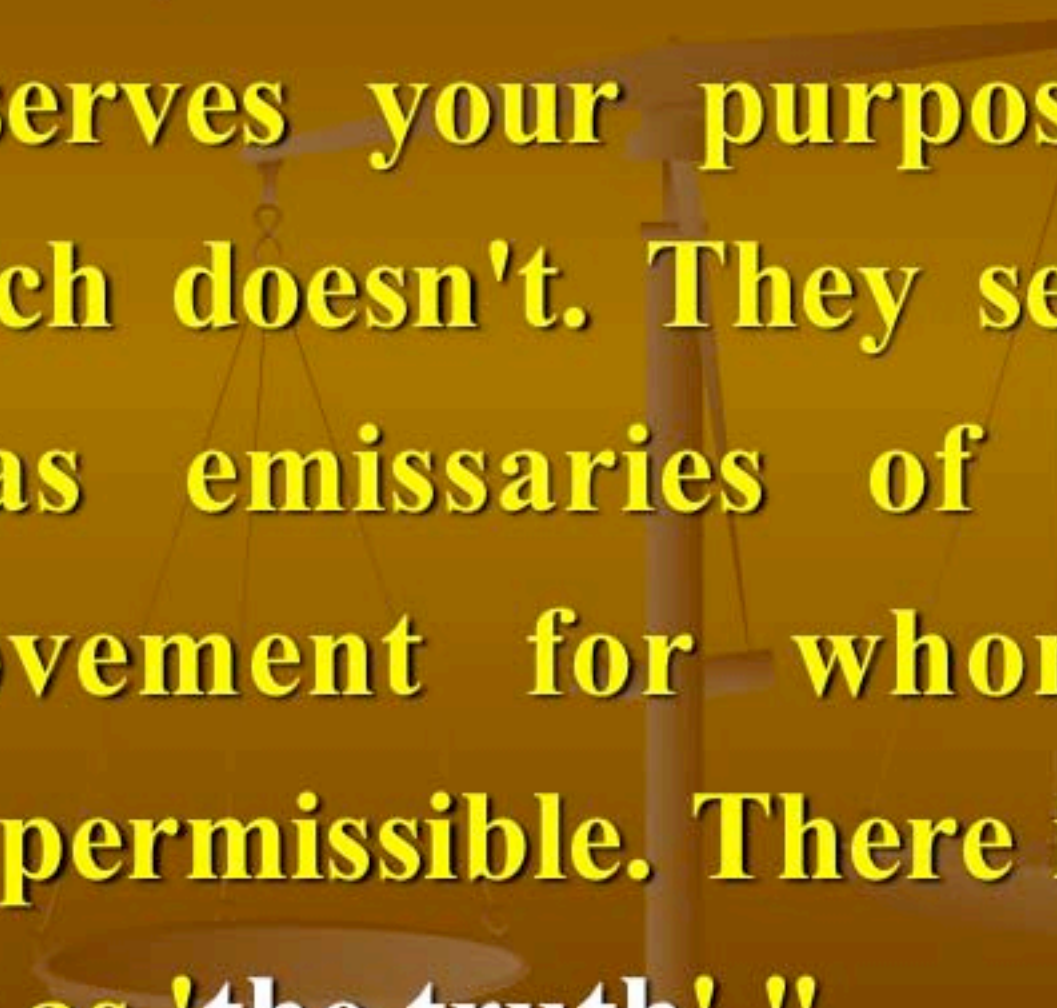
garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey."

#### 4. The Hazard -

**Brian Whitaker in Jerusalem**  
**May 23, 2002...The Guardian**

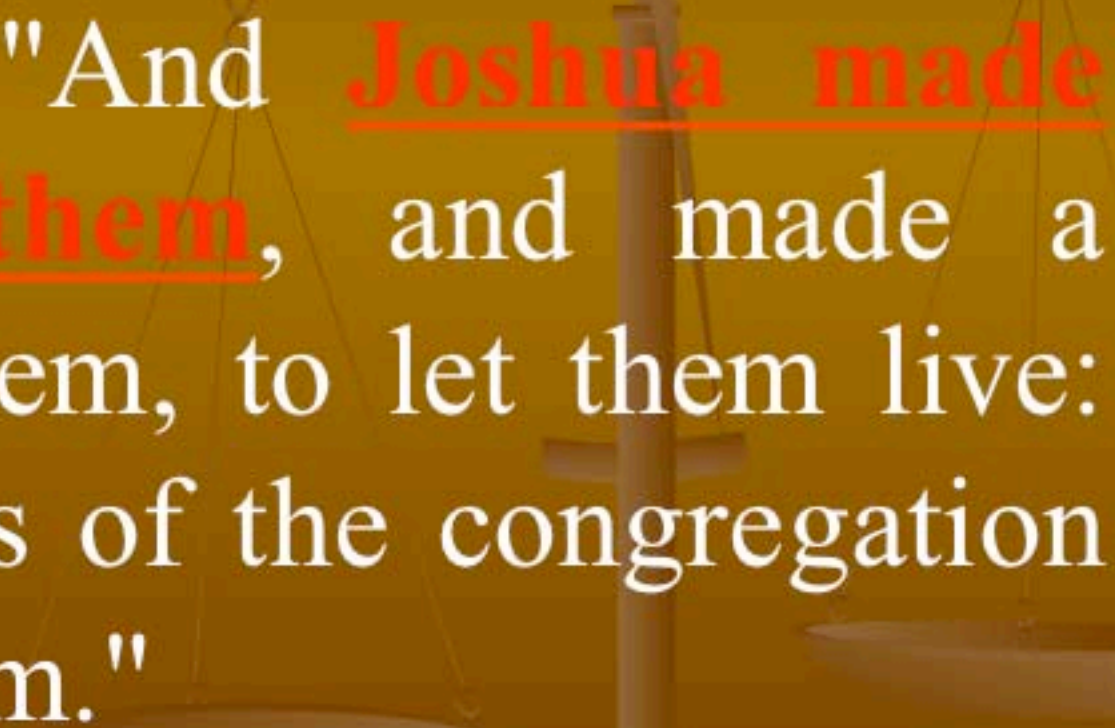
**Palestinians have no compunction about telling lies and see truth as irrelevant, the former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak has claimed in an interview. "They are products of a culture in which to tell a lie... creates no dissonance," Mr Barak says. "They don't suffer from the **problem** of telling lies that exists in Judaeo-Christian culture."**

**"Truth is seen as an irrelevant category," he says. "There is only that which serves your purpose and that which doesn't. They see themselves as emissaries of a national movement for whom everything is permissible. There is no such thing as 'the truth'."**



**Joshua 9:14** "And the men **took** of their victuals, and **asked not counsel** at the mouth of the LORD."

**Joshua 9:15** "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."



**ILL. Genesis 41:16 "And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give ... an answer of peace."**

**Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, ..." (UMPIRE)**

**Ill. Battle of The Bulge (what Joshua might have said)**



By 21 December 1944, the German forces had surrounded Bastogne, which was defended by the 101st Airborne and part of the 10th Armored Division. Conditions inside the perimeter were tough—most of the medical supplies and medical personnel had been captured. Food was scarce, and by 22 December artillery ammunition was restricted to 10 rounds per gun per day. The German commander, requested Bastogne's s u r r e n d e r . W h e n General Anthony McAuliffe, acting commander of the

was told of the Nazi demand to surrender, a frustrated McAuliffe responded "Nuts!" After turning to other pressing issues, his staff reminded him that they should reply to the German demand. One officer (Harry Kinnard, then a Lieutenant Colonel) recommended that McAuliffe's initial reply would be "tough to beat." Thus McAuliffe wrote on the paper delivered to the Germans the line he made famous and a morale booster to his troops: "NUTS!" That reply had to be explained, both to the Germans and to

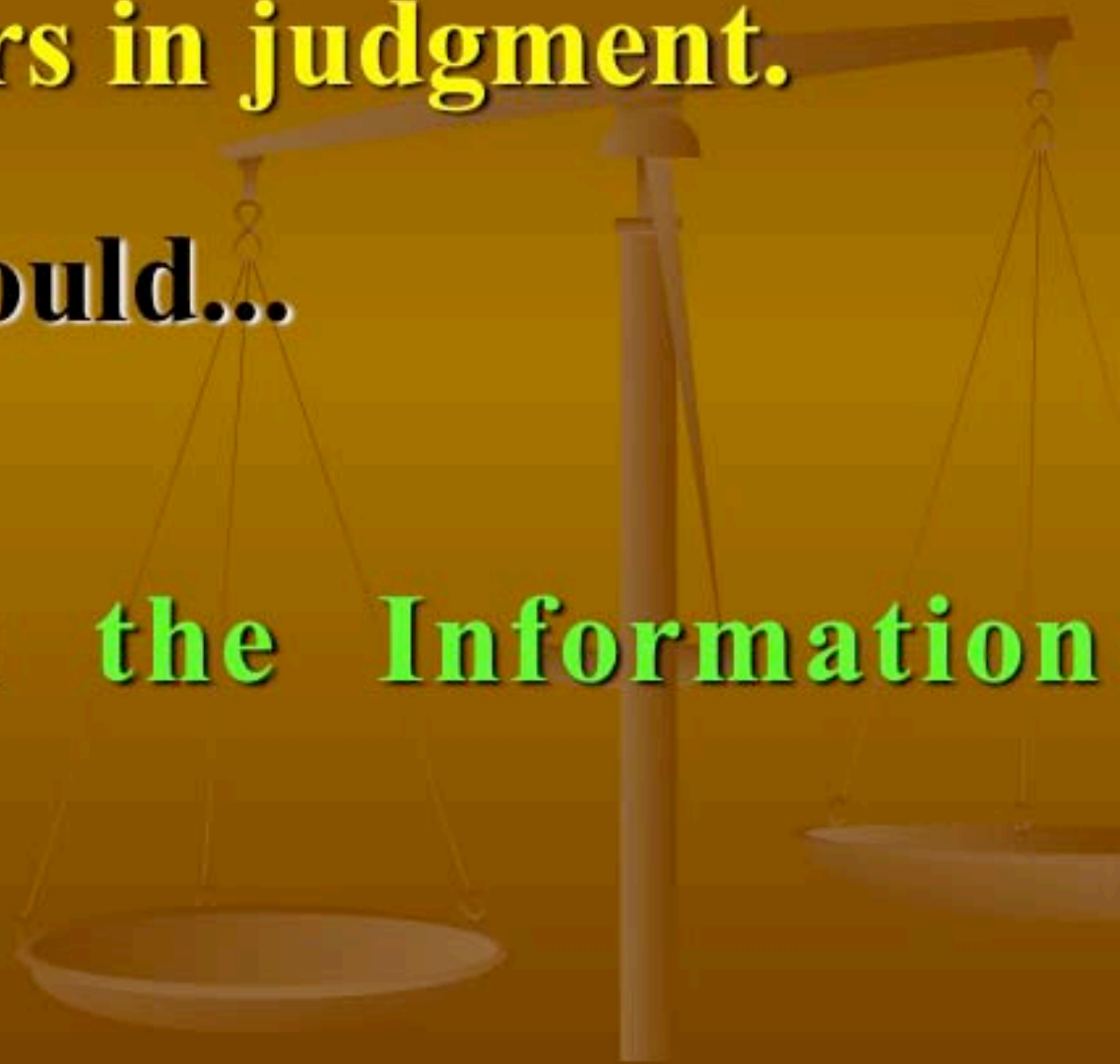
**non-American Allies.**

**The next day, 23 December 1944, the weather conditions started improving, allowing the Allied air forces to attack. Allied air forces also helped the defenders of Bastogne, dropping much-needed supplies—medicine, food, blankets, and ammunition.**

**If we confer with God on all our decisions, we take the first step in avoiding errors in judgment.**

**Second we should...**

**II. Confirm the Information  
(9:16-22)**



**ILL. Never make a major decision without waiting at least three days: Circumstances often change dramatically in three days.**

**ILL. Christ's Resurrection**

## A. After Three Days -

Joshua 9:16-17 "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.** ..."

**Mediterranean Sea**

Gerizim, Mt.

Ebal, Mt. Shechem

**Israel's entry into Canaan**

**Jordan R.**

**ISRAEL**

**GILGAL**

**GIBEON**

**Three Days**

Beth-

• Ai

Jerusalem

• Azekah

• Jarmuth

• Eglon? Lachish

• Hebron

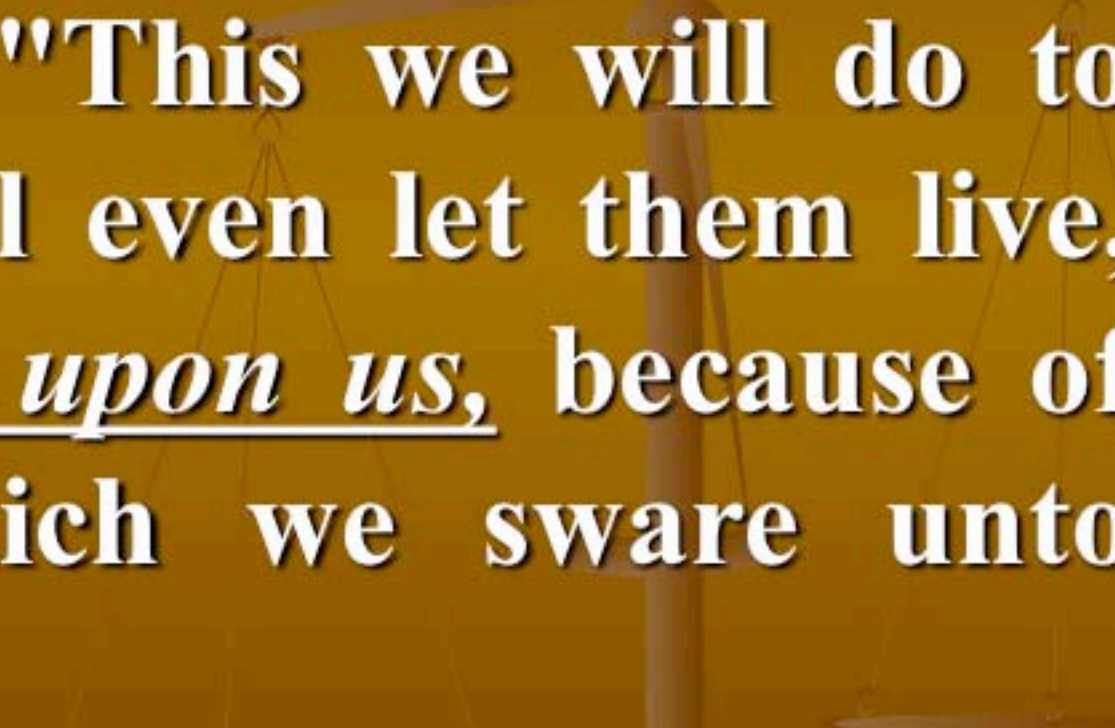
• Eglon?

• Debir

**DEAD SEA**

## B. THE OATH - Never Break Your Word -

Joshua 9:20 "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."





**Colossians 3:9** "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

**ILL.** 2 Samuel 21:1-2 "Then there was a famine in the days of David **three years**, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for

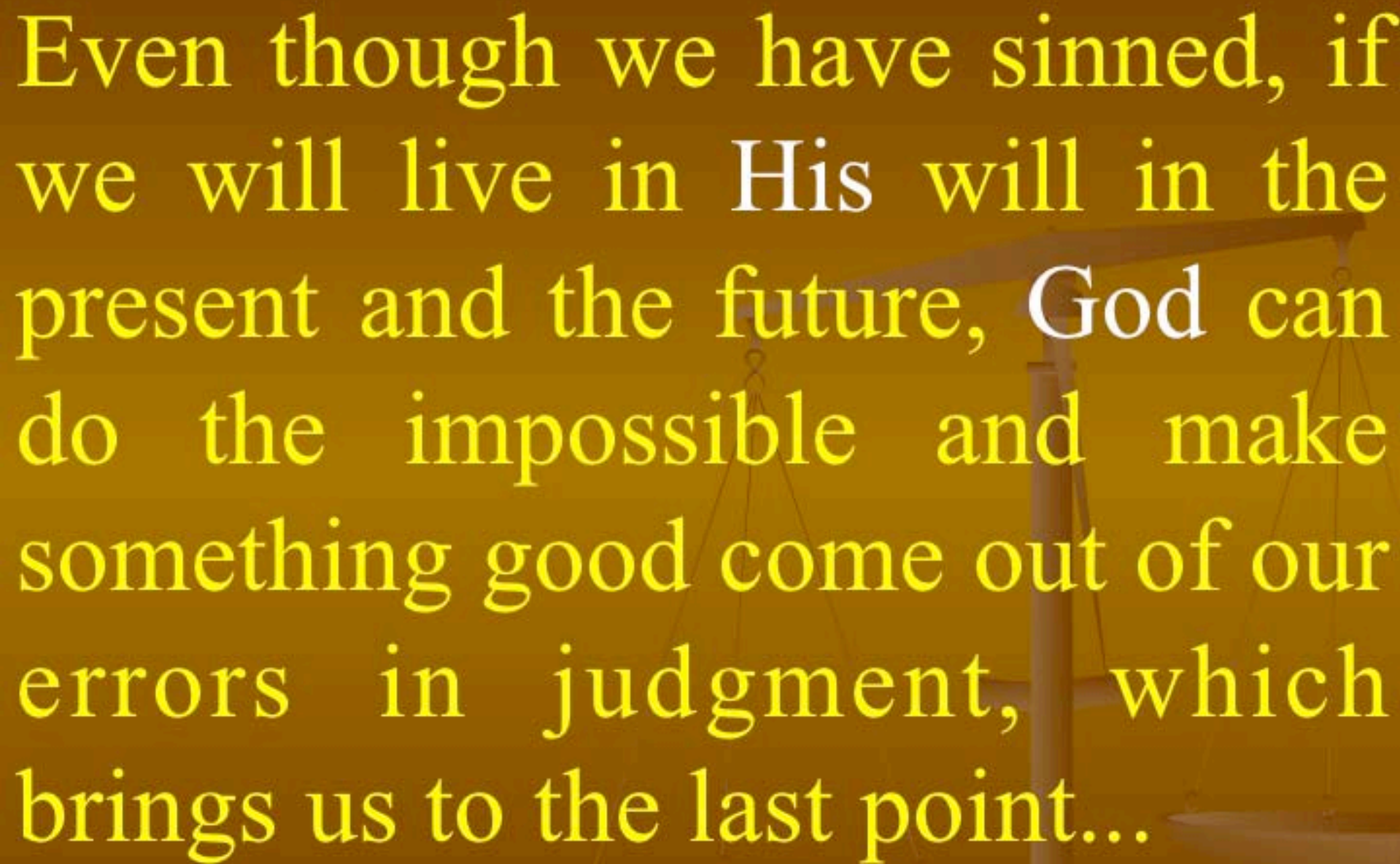
Saul, and for his bloody house,  
because he slew the **Gibeonites**.  
2 ... (now the **Gibeonites** were not  
of the children of Israel, but of the  
remnant of the Amorites; and the  
children of Israel had sworn  
unto them: and Saul sought to  
slay them in his zeal ...)"

2 Samuel 21:9 "And he (David) delivered them (Saul's sons) into the hands of the **Gibeonites**, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest."

**Galatians 6:7 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”**

**Like Joshua, we must live with the consequences of our errors in judgment.**

**We can be forgiven our sins, but we must often live with the consequences for a lifetime.**



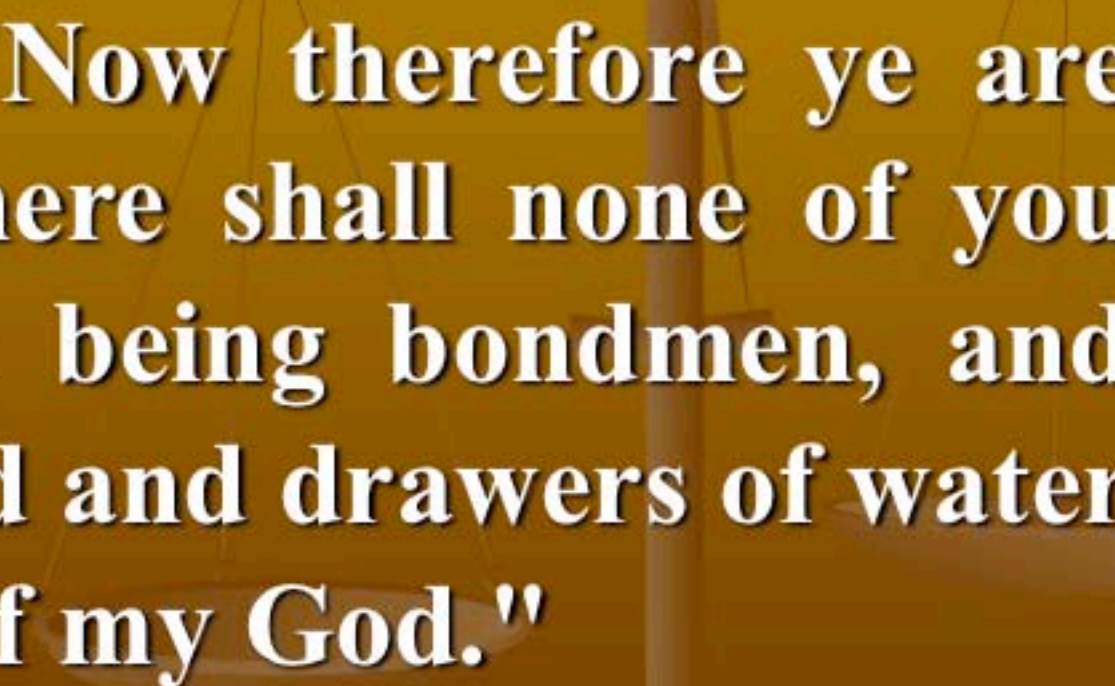
Even though we have sinned, if we will live in His will in the present and the future, God can do the impossible and make something good come out of our errors in judgment, which brings us to the last point...

# III. Claim God's Power to Convert Your Errors in Judgment

- (9:23-27)

A. Slaves -

Joshua 9:23 "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."



**Psalms 84:10 "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper (**slave**) in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."**

**B. Saved -**

**John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."**

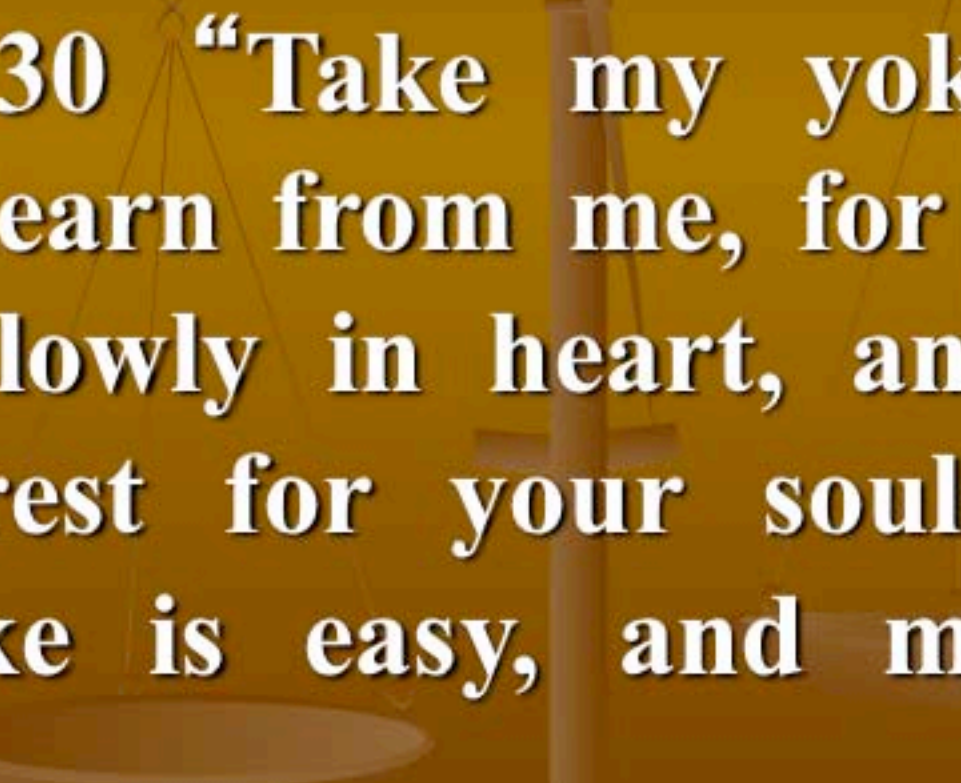
**Joshua 9:27 "And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose."**

**C. Servants -**



**Joshua 9:25 "And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do."**

**Matthew 11:29-30 "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**



## Conclusion:

Romans 8:37 "Nay, in all these things we are *more than conquerors* through him that loved us."

To be "more than conquerors" means we go a step beyond defeating our enemy by making our enemy our friend.

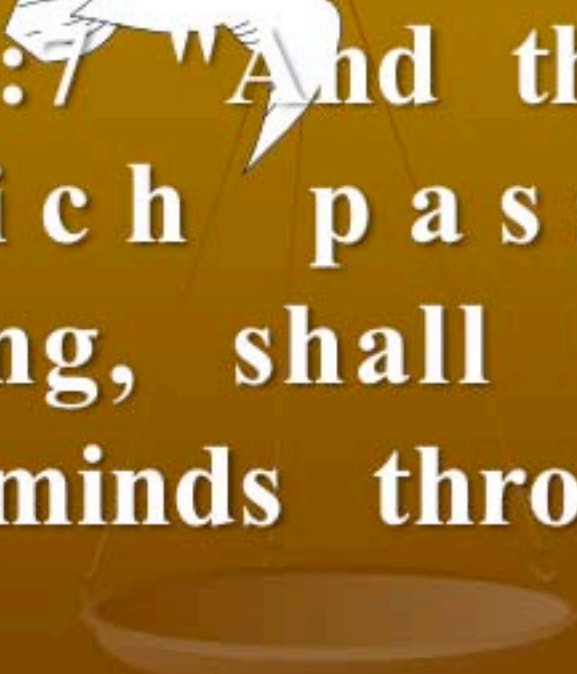
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**Confirm the information, we can**

**Claim God's power to Convert our errors in judgment.**



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



**Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

# INVITATION



# **Just As I Am**

**Just as I am**

**without one plea**

**But that Thy blood**

**was shed for me**

**And that Thou biddest me come**

**to Thee**

**O Lamb of God**

**I come I come**



**Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul  
of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood  
can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God  
I come I come**



**Just as I am**

**Thou wilt receive**

**Wilt welcome pardon**

**cleanse relieve**

**Because Thy promise**

**I believe**

**O Lamb of God**

**I come I come**





# Prayer Time

