



# **The Sermons of the Joshua, Judge and Ruth**



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## Preface

My spiritual teacher, Dr. Yune Sun Park (1905 -1988) was my example of reformed theology and puritan devotional life in my ministry. In the providence of God, God led me to Him in my seminary student time in South Korea, Chong Shin Bible College (BA) and Hapdong Theological Seminary in South Korea (M.Div.) and also in the United States of America, Westminster California Seminary (D. Min 1906), After that my heart longs for imitating him to serve God's calling. Now also in Cambodia missionary time I have kept on to resemble him in my ministry, because I love his faithful heart to the Scripture.

The motive that I devote myself to translate his theological books and his commentaries and his sermons into English and Khmer was my assurance to evangelize Cambodia 25 provinces and 14500 villages with the gospel and his revival fire in his heart and his obvious reformed theological teaching and his puritan devotional life is most proper contents and its method on the mission field of Cambodia.

So, firstly, I could finish to translate several theological books, Biblical Theology, The Scripture and his Life (his Autography), Reformed Dogmatic and his commentaries, Revelation of John, Romans and Proverbs into English and Khmer. And also I include all sermons (Total 1009 sermons= OT 531 + NT 478) in his Commentaries. In this time by the grace of God I rejoice for finishing of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy sermons. My translation aims on

translating them into Khmer vision to establish Reformed Theology and its Faith on the mission field of Cambodia.

I thank CEMF co-workers, my Cambodia staffs and my beloved family for their encourage, their sacrifice and their faithful prayer.

May the grace of God be with the readers to enter into the Jung Am's World of understanding of the Scripture and his godliness through his sermons.

In Christ

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## **The sermons of Joshua**

## **Sermon 1 The first way that we walk in our whole life (Josh 3:1-6)**

Joshua led the people of Israel and marched on the way to occupy the land of Canaan and also now he arrived at the entrance door, city Jericho. But they first of all should cross over the Jordan River.

Therefore their way was the adversity that could not proceed without the help of God. Actually it was not the way not to pass through and the first way they should walk. Just like that the men to walk the way they did not know, spiritually speaking were called for the believers to follow by faith. During the believers walk through this world the secret to walk on this way well by receiving the miraculous blessing of God is as following.

### **1. We should be sanctified by ourselves. (Verse 5)**

We do not know our future. But as God is with us, we can overcome any difficult things. But as we walk on this way, if we tried to walk to this way by passing through this difficult way by our power. Above of all the anxiety was happened in us and can attack and then our heart become dark. Only we depend on the miracle of God, we can prosper on the first way in our whole lives. The secret that we get the miracle of God is to purify us by ourselves. As we look at the Lord in peace before the trouble and live in sanctification by the will of the Lord, it already is victory. If we walk on the first way in our whole lives and then we walk without sanctification and commits sin, after we arrive at

the end we cannot help but to get the fruit of bitterness. We should know that to live holy is better than the happiness. (Holiness is better than happiness.)

2. We should make God walked ahead. (Verse 6) Refer to verse 3-4.

The people of Israel to cross over Jordan River pursued on the behind of the ark that the priests bore on their shoulders. What did to establish the ark ahead mean? We need to know this issue concretely.

- 1) We should receive the direction of the word (To believe in and to obey it) we should not stop to listen to the word of God and should obey it actually. Among the believers as they listened to the word of God by reducing them and as they executed it they execute it without reducing and execute only what his heart is relevant. Such activity is a foolish activity to install the wrath of God.

- 2) We should seek the glory of God firstly. Among the Christians in the contemporary day, although they serve God actually they serve for them strongly. First of all as we think of the thing to offer to God to offer some is their feature. They offered some time and offered some matters too, and then they reveal only some figure. Such activity is not to lift up God and not to glorify God. We should know that the life not to do for the glory of God is the wicked work not to glory of God. The

prophet Malachi rebuked that it was the steal the possession of God to the contemporary men. (Mal 3:8)

What we are careful of here was the fact that the activity thief does not execute in the state that the men ignore. Therefore the people to receive the conviction by Malachi the prophet opposed, “Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. “. Then the prophet replied that not to offer the tithe to God means to steal God’s possession obviously. Therefore as we does not offer the tithe of our income become the thief, as we offered it we receives the blessing of material. (Mal 3:10-12) In the meaning to warrant extremely of the fact that God blesses the matter to the one too offer the tithe; he said to test Him of this issue.

## **Sermon 2 The event that Israel crossed the Jordan River and our death (Josh 3:14-17)**

### **1. The spiritual meaning of Jordan River.**

We can find out the spiritual meaning in the event that Israel crossed the river Jordan. The fact that J. Bunyan saw the river Jordan as the symbol of death is said to be biblical. Jer 12:5 is the expression that Jordan River is the symbol of death. That is, “If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you are so trusting, what will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?” Here, “the expression, the thicket of the Jordan” points the worst tribulation that is the death.

### **2. The spiritual meaning of the feet of the men to bear the ark was submerged in the water.**

Before the people of Israel entered into the water of Jordan River it was so meaningful that the altar entered into it ahead. It reveals the truth that God stands up before Israel and solves their hard issue. And also the spiritual meaning of this truth points that as a believer is died God presents on him and he helps his peaceful death.

### **Sermon 3 The Obedience of the priests (Josh 3:14-17)**

#### **1. The importance of obedience.**

The fact to cross the Jordan River on the dry land was established by the miracle of God. The faith of the priests to relate to this miracle too was surprised. It was the faith of obedience. They obeyed the command of God, “When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.” (Verse 8) by entering into the water. (Verse 15) faith and obedience cannot be separated of each other. Therefore among many nicknames following things reveal the character of obedience. That is, it points to the believer 1) he is like infant baby (I Pet 2:2) 2) he is like a wife. (Eph 5:32) 3) he is like an offering. (Rom 12:1) 4) he is like a sinner. (I Tim 1:15) 5) he is like the sheep. (Jn 10:14) All these things mean the one to obey God. To call the believers for priest, king and prophet, which does not mean their attitude to God? It points that they should take attitude how they take the authority to all things, sin and world.

Although we think that obedience was like to loss of liberty, actually it is the method to protect freedom. For the man was created by God to live by obeying God, that is, as we see the relationship between God and man we need obedience. As we know what God is and obey Him we receive life and enjoy joy and freedom.

#### **2. The issue of authority and obedience**

1) The authority of creation For God is the creator the man, the creature should obey the authority of creator if the man dies not obey God, and it is the quarrel with God. Is 45:9-10 said, ““Woe to him who strives with him who formed him,  
a pot among earthen pots!

Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’? Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’ or to a woman, ‘With what are you in labor?’”. And Is 10:15 said, “Shall the axe boast over him who hews with it, or the saw magnify itself against him who wields it? As if a rod should wield him who lifts it, or as if a staff should lift him who is not wood! “.

2) The authority of love. God has the authority of love to save us. We should obey under the authority of love. As we does not obey the authority of love means to rebel love. The love is the truth to become a man as the man, is truth that the man is saved. The salvation is ontological and soteological. Therefore the man should obey him. The obedience that the children obey his parent includes such principle. The love of parent compares with love of God. (Is 49:15 Heb 12:9) The one not to obey the love of parent also receives the woe. (Prov 30:17)

## **Sermon 4 Sun! Stand still. (Josh 10:12-14)**

As we see the word, “Sun, stand still” our trouble heart seems have to be opened. The decision of faith this word reveals breaks out our unbelief permanently.

### **1. The process of the word, “Sun, stay there”**

The warfare of the time was to help the Gibeon tribe. The fact that Israel helped Gibeon tribe was the special beautiful thing before God. The Gibeon tribe visited Israel people and took contract of peace each other by saying as far located tribe. (9:3-13) Then Joshua took peace contract in the name of Jehovah. (9:15) after three days their false was revealed, but the leaders of Israel took care of them by their peace-promise until the end. Because the peace- contract that they took contract was established in the name of Jehovah.

1) Just like that the leaders of Israel treated the name of God honorably. God is with them to honor his name. To respect his name is same to respect God himself. 2) Text verse 12 said, “At that time Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,” Then God claimed the warfare and made them overcome it. Therefore the warfare is the war of God. Joshua only served the affair of God. So his prayer could be so great. The reason that the prayer of the believer was so



impossible was not to stand up at the side of God but it was dropped down into his personal covet.

As we stands up at the side of God we are felt that all things belong to ours. Therefore then our prayer become boldly. I Cor 3:21-23 said, “So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s”.

Among this word, the word, “you are Christ’s” is so the most important to us. Because as we belong to Christ’s all things become ours.

## 2. The answer of prayer. (Verse 13)

The prayer of Joshua, “Sun, stand still”, was answered. Then for the sun was stopped, the warfare of Israel to attack to the Amorite tribe was overcome. Verse 14 said, “when the Lord heeded the voice of a man,” Jm 5:17-18 said, “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.” Among this word the word; “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours” was important. As God comes lowly and listens to the voice of man, he has no the discrimination. But the believer does not feel the issue to answer of prayer what is the reason?

### 1) God listens to the prayer of leader especially in the prayer.

As it is so the general believers do not feel the answer of prayer sensitively. But the fact that the prayer of Leader is answered also is like listening to the demand of all men. As Luther teacher prayed, he shouted out, “victory, victory!” which means that he received the answer of his prayer. The fact that he overcame means that he overcame the reformation of Religion, the virtue of the victory influenced on all believers. Gorge Muller said, “My prayer was answered several thousand times as soon as I prayed soon it was answered, sometimes, as I came out of my bed room it was answered, or, as I was put on my clothe to go out, it was answered, A certain prayer were answered after I was waiting for some days and some years it was answered. The fact to become so informs to us the fact that God is God and we are the creatures.” In other word, because God is great after the believer prayed, after long time is passed away (or, at longer time than them) it should be answered. George Muller was a special man. Before he believes in, he stole something and then he had been prisoned. But God made him repented and used him the fact that answered his many prayer is able to say the answer of the prayer in other many souls. As the result that his prayer was answered many orphans were eaten the bread and many souls received the spiritual grace. God wants to listen to the prayers of our all men (the led omen) also but for we have no true prayer there is seldom the event of the prayer-answer. And for many people request wrongly to use it as the covet, the answer is few. But the prayer that the will of the Lord should

be accomplished brings about the answer surely. A certain widow in London prayed, “ May the will of God be accomplished!”as his only son was taken some dying disease. At that time the disease of his son was healed.

2) Because God accomplished our prayer spiritually we have the case that we cannot feel it sensitively. As we seek something to belong to the flesh God gives the spiritual thing to us (in other word better one) for the benefit of our souls. Jesus said, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Lk 11:13)

## Chapter 1 sermon matters

1. “Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.” ( verse 5)

Such happiness can be enjoyed by the contemporary believers. Because they also belong to the covenant of God’s salvation like Joshua, and the one to believe in the promise. In Mt 28:20, Jesus said, “ “.

2. “Be strong and courageous, “(verse 6) this is not the intrepidity but the boldness through faith. As the man always has the believing object, his heart keeps on the peace in his heart and gets the boldness. As he believes in the almighty God he does not need any anxiety.

3. “Being careful to do according to all the law... Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left,” (verse 7) as the believer keeps on the laws of God in the world of sin his sincere faith is proved to God. Finally God takes care of the one to keep on so strongly and bless him according to his promise and makes him been prosperous.

4. ““Prepare your provisions “(verse 11) God sent Manna to Israel on the wilderness for last 40 years and fed them. But from now he commanded that Israel should prepare their food. We here also we can see the mysterious things of God’s economy. It bestows the miracle by the mysterious economy but at the other time he does not do so. At this time although he executed that Israel crossed over the river Jordan within three days but he did not command to prepare the ships. Because he made Israel crossed over Jordan the river miraculously. For the man cannot guess the miraculous activity, he only should obey at all things.



## Chapter 2 sermon matters

1. The faith of Rahab was revealed by the activity to overcome the danger. (4-7) The action that Rahab concealed two spies of Israel was a kind of rebellion in her nation. But she executed such decision in her attitude to treat God more precious than her nation. The man of faith does not stop only the theory but he precedes so in case of necessity with overcoming the danger.

2. The life of faith to bring about the faith has the sign to be separated of the destructible world. ( verse 18) The red rope that Rahab hanged on the wall of her house had such mark; it was the faith to believe the redeemer the Lord. As the Scripture wrote, in the life of the saints to be saved, the thought of the faith to be different to the destroying world moves concretely. Although many people at the time of Noah belong to this world they despised god but only Noah and his families looked at the flood in the future, and believed in the promise of God's salvation and prepared the ark.

## Chapter 4 sermon matters

1. The succession of faith (1-9) ` God commanded to Joshua that they took twelve stones out of the river Jordan and made them established the memorial rocks on the point that the priests stood up. It made the later generation of Israel remembered the power of God that made them crossed over the river Jordan miraculously and made them feared God. This is the method of the Christianity that transferred the faith of God from generation to generation. We received the salvation by believing in the event of salvation that at the old time God executed faithfully. The contents we believe in are not found out suddenly but the affirmed historical fact that has believed from the old time.

We should follow the step of the men to go ahead and decide the present attitude. Robinson Crusoe was wrecked and floated on the water and then he arrived at an island no man, then he saw the step of a man and he realized that the fact that the man lived, we saw the miraculous work of God and believed in living God. Especially for the transferring of the miraculous work was faith we believe in it. Paul said, “God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience”. (II Tim 1:3) The Scripture shouts out with rebuking contents, “Why do not you believe in it?”, “Why do not you love?” to the object of our conscience (regenerated conscience).

2. Israel kept on the order and the rules in crossing the river Jordan. (10-18) Then, Reuben tribe, Gath tribe and Manasseh half tribe Crossed firstly as the leaders and next to the people was crossed and the priests to bear the ark crossed lastly. As we see it, all people kept on personal responsibility. Because the armed men should stand up at the primary position, crossed ahead. the priests bore the ark of covenant on their shoulders and should stand up in it until the all people crossed over, after they stand up in the Jordan river and crossed ultimately. They took responsibility of sacrifice person. Just like that we can think that the movement of crossing river can compares to church and family.

1) The church should have the evangelists to rent the unbelieving world like weapon soldiers and should have the pastors to sacrifice for all churches. And 2) In the family there should be the children to try to take care of the family like fighting, also the parents to serve sacrificially all family should be styed. Then all this effort and all sacrifice should become in the center of God.



## Chapter 5 sermon matters

1. Of executing the circumcision. (2-9) This was the metaphor ceremony of the corrupted character of human flesh in the same time and it makes his children belong to God by believing God's promise. ( Gen 17:7, 11) The one to receive the circumcision becomes the people of God. This comes out of the promise. This is the type of to become one of the children of God by united with Christ legally by faith in the New Testament. ( Col 2:11-12) Refer to Jn 1:12-13.

As Israel enters into the land of Canaan, they have situation to many warfare, this warfare cannot execute by their power. Only as they have the power of God they can overcome this warfare, they, above of all, should accept God as their God. It was accomplished by believing in the promise of God to become God's people by executing the circumstance. Just like that the promise is so precious. The believers in the New Testament also receive the blessing of salvation only by believing in Christ through the promise of God. Refer to Jn 3:16.

Among the people to come and go to the church although they say to believe in God by themselves, but there are many persons to neglect the faith of Christ, it is sorry thing. Their faith so called for is the philosophical but is not the faith to get salvation. The faith to arrive to salvation is to believe Christ that remitted the sinner on shedding his blood on the cross by the criteria of God's promise. Just like that the union with Christ by believing in the promise is not experimental event

but legal settlement. As we are participated into the legal event, of course may experience the spiritual comfort and rejoice.

## 2. Of keeping on the Passover feast (10-11)

After the people of Israel crossed the Jordan River they kept on the first Passover feast on Jericho wilderness. Keeping on the Passover feast was the activity of memorial to the love of God's salvation, at the same time, and the faith activity to transfer the power of his salvation. In other word, keeping on this feast by obeying the command of God (Ex 12:17), "Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. "And the activity of faith to look at the messiah (Christ), the type of the sheep of the Passover feast. (I Cor 5:7) In the New Testament as the believers participated into the communion Christ established, and remembers him (his flesh and his blood) the contents to keep on the Passover feast in the Old Testament included the meaning of communion in the New Testament. That is, 1) The spotless lamb killed at the Passover feast was a metaphor of Christ (Ex 12:5, I Cor 5:7, Heb 7:26-27 I Pet 1:19), 2) The blood of the lamb was the type of the blood that Christ shed on the cross to solve the death of the sinner. (Ex 12:23, Rom 3:25), 3) eating the bitter vegetable was a metaphor of the repentance to lament the sin. ( Ex 12:9, I Cor 11:28)

## 3. Of stopping giving of manna ( verse 12)

For the journey that the people of Israel on the wilderness not to have food, God sent manna to them. But they finished the journey of

wilderness and after they entered into the land of Canaan, the manna was stopped. The miracle of God does not reveal mechanically, but he executes by himself according to his good judgment. Although the same thing like the old miracle is not revealed today, the fact that is their unbelief the living God to execute by his good sovereignty Lordship modern men think that they do not believe in miracle.

4. Of revealing of the general of Jehovah's military (13-15)  
After this event, Joshua received the direction of Jehovah to occupy Jericho city ( 6:2-5) The people of Israel turned the Jericho city one time per day by the direction and at 7<sup>th</sup> day turned 7 times , then the city was destroyed. Just like it was the victory without fighting. It was the result that the chief of Jehovah military fought. In the New Testament the salvation we believers receive is such one. It became as the word of Jesus, that is, it is the word, and "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." ( Jn 16:33)  
Refer to Is 63:1-6, Rev 12:7-9 19:11-21.

## Chapter 6 sermon matters

1. The event that as Israel only turned around Jericho city, it was destroyed came out of by only the power of God. As we believe in God as the almighty God we have joy, peace and eternal life. How cannot the one to create all things in the heaven and the earth out of nothing execute such miracle! If the believer does not believe such miracle we cannot say that he believes in God as God yet.

A theory said that the fact that Jericho city was destroyed then came out of the earthquake. Although it became by an earthquake, is not it also a kind of miracle? As God said already, Israel turned the city for six days and they arrived at seventh day, it was accomplished by his prophesy, if it was the result of the earthquake, it cannot help but to say the earthquake that was happened by the special interfere of God. But we do not need to say that it was destroyed by the earthquake. Without shaking the earth God could destroy the city by his power in quiet. We should not interpret wrongly that the method of miracle God executed was the result of earthquake. . All methods of God cannot be measured by our knowledge.

2. The fact that Israel turned around the city Jericho for seven days was the faith expressed by their activity. Refer to Heb 11:30. Because they executed the word of God that Joshua proclaimed faithfully. Refer to Rom 10:17. Faith is not enough for it stays in a corner of his heart conceptually; it should be practiced by the faith.

3. There are several spiritual lessons to relate to the event to occupy city of Jericho.

1) Before city Jericho was occupied, the fact they turned around of the city for six days was the lead of God to train their faith. Before the effective of faith is revealed continuously to keep on the faith is so important to today believers too.

2) As the secret to occupy the city Jericho God told Joshua firstly (1-5) and Joshua informed the word to the people of Israel. (6-7) this is the principle of Christianity direction. God always established the special man and He makes him led general congregation. And also he makes all people obeyed his direction. To obey it is easier than to lead it and safe comparably. (Jm 3:1)

3) As Israel turned the city Jericho he did not reveal any voice and turned around for six days in silence. The fact that they reveal the voice just before the city was destroyed, only one time. The special color of God's work was revealed. God works in quiet. His all work, about creation, providence and regeneration are in quiet. (Pink)

## Chapter 7 sermon matters

1. The wrath of God was revealed to the children of Israel. ( verse 1) For Aacan took the offered matters, the wrath of God came on down. The word, “offered matter” ( ) means the offering (to be devoted) to fill the sufficiency of God.

God executed his wrath to all descendant of Israel for the sin of a man, Aacan. Because always the group is connected to the members. (I Cor 5:6) Refer to Heb 12:15. Therefore the person should execute with the responsibility sincerely by knowing the fact that his one move at a time influences on the rise and the fall of his related community. Then the personal sin of Aacan soon was admitted as the sin of all descendant of Israel. Not only that, because the sin entered into Israel that should execute the movement of Canaan’s conquest that should remove the sin, it should be admitted as the sin of all Israel.

2. Joshua tore his clothe and prayed (8-9)

1) His prayer was sincere. At early time, as Moses also met trouble in the wilderness that he led Israel out of Egypt, he prayed. ( Ex 32:31-32, Num 12:13, 14:5) Joshua also was the man of prayer as his successor. In anytime as the believers meet some trouble, should receive the solution by prayer. But they put forward the wisdom of the man and his means than prayer at that time. The reason they execute

son [1] because they execute without caution. [2] Because they depends on the man more than God.

2) His prayer treated the glory of God. ( verse 9) As we always respect the glory of God and move, we receive the answer of God.

3. The process of Aacan's committed sin. ( verse 21 b) He "saw the booty and took covet", it was similar to the process that the forefather of mankind, Eve committed sin. As Eve saw the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise" and pick out and are the fruit. ( Gen 3:6) Therefore our believers should not concentrate on the charming thing. "For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world" exists, (I Jn 2:16) we should remove from it.

## Chapter 8 sermon matters

1. The basic of victory and prosperity is the promise of God (verse 1) to the fact that as the children of Israel attacked the city Aia and should be overcome, above of all, there was the warrant of God. To what God does not promise, we have no the courage to seek it and although we get it with our effort, it is not true blessing. Although the promises God gave to the men are lots, among them the most precious thing is the promise that the one to believe in Christ gets the eternal life. Except it the promises of blessing written fully in the Scripture of New Testament and the Old Testament belong to the present world and coming world and there is lots of great and little one, immeasurably. God's promise gives faith and hope to the man.
2. The promise of God makes the one to receive it taken effort. (2-9) For God promised to overcome in the warfare of city Ai to Israel; they devoted themselves to do all effort in the center of hidden strategy. In special case he accomplishes his promise with miracle, but generally he accomplishes through our effort. God do not want the neglect of the believer for the system of his promise. What we should remember is the fact that God accomplishes his will in the work of his providence. If he does not work, our all effort becomes vanity.
3. God gave the strategy of hidden soldiers. (12-18) At this point we can find out the spiritual lesson that our spiritual war also needs the hidden strategy.



1) We have much case that ignore with the no planned state and then was failed by devil. Especially it is more so for we have some chronicle sin rooted in us deeply. Therefore we should use the strategy of hidden solders and by prepare it; we should overcome the violent activity of such sin with the sword of the word bravely. In us, angry, hostility, hop-temper etc. are happened suddenly by receiving stimulation out of the others, we should prepare before and wait for it (like hidden strategy), as they are going to reveal, we should control soon.

2) As the believers covered his power (like hidden soldiers), they overcome it.

The believers to have passion to revealing of him must be failed in his faith life. The principle of Paul's life was the center of the inner centric life. He to overcome the spiritual warfare (II Tim 4:6-8) describes his life and said, "Through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything." (I Cor 6:8-10)  
Refer to I Cor 7:29-31, II Cor 12:9-10.

## Chapter 9 sermon matters

1. The Gabonese (the Jebusite) deceived Israel. (3-13) Before the sons of Jacob had deceived the Hevite tribe (Gen 34:14-27) This time that 400 years was passed away Israel (the children of Jacob) were deceived by the Hevite tribe. As the man commits sin always he received the retribution.

2. As Gabonese deceived Israel, for they knew the situation of Israel well, they preceded the thing in their plan and finally they brought about the fruit. That is, to the command of God to give to Israel, they listened to it by rumor and they knew it. It was the permitted fact that the people in the land of Canaan should be killed but took the peace contract with the people to live at long distance.( Deut 20:10-18)

So in thing to deceive the believer, the devil does the hidden strategy well. The devil is concealed as the angel that the saints welcome and as the goodness the saints can choose. II Cor 11:14-15 said, “And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.”

3. Among the causes that Israel was deceived by the Gabonese and took contract of peace was the fact not to ask to Jehovah. ( verse 14) Today as the believers also treats the important affair without praying, it is easy to be failed. We should have much time to approach to God and

ask to him. Not only that the maxim in English said, “Take time to be holy.” The method to know the will of God is to read the Scripture and to judge in the center of holiness (to be right). They all can be accomplished in prayer.

4. The fact that Israel took contract with the Gabonese was fault. It is wrong that the believers take the contract with the men to harm the faith. To take deep fellowship with such men is not the will of God. In such meaning, God said, “lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited, you eat of his sacrifice, and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods. “You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal.” ( Ex 34:15-17) The New Testament said, “What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? “. ( II Cor 6:15)

5. Their execution of above dealing that Israel took the peace contract with the Gabonese in the name of Jehovah was the worthy thing to the will of God. Refer to II Sam 21:1. God pleases the man that respects his name. The congregation of Israel complained the contract with Gabonese ( verse 18), the leaders treated the fact to take the contract in the name of God importantly (verse 19), and kept on it, which it, above of all, was the attitude of faith in holiness centric life

## Chapter 10 sermon matters

1. Joshua responded to requesting military of Gibeon rapidly.  
( verse 7) At the early time, to have the peace contract with the Gibeon became no joy by their deceit. But Joshua proceeded to help them swiftly cheerfully. These points to the noble mind of Christ that the past fault should return to the emptiness. Refer to Lk 23:43.
  2. The passion of God revealed at the warfare of Israel to help Gibeon was special heart. God gave the promise of victory to Joshua (the end of verse 8), he killed the enemies with big hail, (verse 11) and he revealed the miracle to stop the Sun and the moon too. ( verse 12)
  3. As we see it, we can know that God remembered the Gibeon men to come back to Israel especially. He pleases a repented sinner more than ninety nine righteous men. ( Lk 15:7)
  4. The miracle to stop the sun was without happening before and after. (12-14) According to the historians, in the old time, there was the event that the sun was stopped at Greek, Egypt, China and Mexico. I am thought that it was a miracle that revealed by the answer of Joshua's prayer. (Giorgio Bartoli, Did Joshua Stop the Sun or, the Earth?, 1932, p 42)
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- 1) How did Joshua the courage of such prayer? Because God gave the spiritual boldness to him to pray so. Then for Joshua had the faith

to respect the name of God extremely, God gave him such confidence too. God is closely to the one to fear Him. ( Ps 31:19-20)

2) God has no failure to accomplish his commanded things.

Therefore it is important to understand the will of God rightly. Once if we understand his will rightly he proceeds to the faith only. All troubles are solved by him. He executes his work for his name.

## Chapter 11 sermon matters

1. The promise of God that is, the word of encourage ( verse 6)

The enemies of Israel were strong and lots. (1-5) But for Jehovah told to him, “Do not be afraid of “, He could fight with them boldly. As God is with us there is no anxiety. And the boldness of the saints comes out of to love only God. (Jn 14:21-24) David said, “Though an army encamps against me,

My heart shall not fear; though war arises against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.” (Ps 27:3-4) Athanasius claimed the doctrine of divine nature of Christ Jesus and was persecuted by many hostiles and lived in exile for 20

years. He got the bold power by the power of the Lord and said, “Do the entire world contrast to me? I shall contrast to the entire world.”

2. The victory of Joshua (7-9) the secret of his victory is as following. 1) He believed in the word of Jehovah (the promise of victory) and began the fighting life. (Verse 7) 2) He took the preemptive attack in his strategy. The phrase “came suddenly against them”

( ) (verse 7) means “suddenly to hit them and to enter into them.” That is, Joshua brought small soldiers and entered into the excellent military power of the enemy. Just like that, it was bold attacking strategy. In the spiritual warfare that the believers fight with the sin, as they have the fighting tension and fight positively and proceed forward, they get the victory. The men to have no concern to the sin and to be dropped down into the complacency cannot overcome even his own sin. Not only that, 3) Joshua overcame by obeying Jehovah. Especially, Joshua was famous of the obeying mind.

Whenever he fought, he obeyed the word that God commanded him faithfully, in this time; too he obeyed the word, “he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.” directly. ( verse 9) Refer to verse 15. The one to teach the others always well learns well by himself, the one to rule over the others well is the one to obey the truth well. Before USA first president, Washington became a famous ruler, he learned obedience out of his mother.

## Chapter 12 sermon matters

1. The chapter 12 recorded the fact that Israel occupied several kings of Canaan and overcame them. Because the victory was established by the power of God (23:3) Israel needed to remember the fact obviously. Whenever the saints in the Old Testament were difficult They looked back the grace of God to receive in the past time. David said, “Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.” (Ps 22:3-4) And Asaph said, “Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. “ (Ps74:12) We, in the New Testament look back the power of God revealed in the past time, we get the present grace.
2. Israel fought with Hesbon king Sihon and Basan king Ok and destroyed them. (1-6)
  - 1) This warfare was overcome by the lead of Moses at the early time. The reason they destroyed two tribes was for the heart of two kings were hardened. But as we see Deut 2:30, it said what they was hardened was for God hardened them. The does it mean that God hardened the man? It means that as the sin was filled in them and did not repent until the end, God abandoned him in the state of hardness. Refer to Rom 1:24, 26, and 28. As God does not hold him, the man should be hardened completely.

2) For the kingdom of Hesbon had many high cities, (Deut 2:36) and the nation was fighting nation they did not want to have peace with the nation of Israel and had been challenged. ( Deut 2:32) And the national power of Og, the king of Basan was so strong. The tribe was “and Og king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei “ (Joshua 12:4) , Rephaim tribe was the giant tribe. For example the bed of OG, the king of Basan was made of by the metal, the length was 9 cubits. ( Deut 3:11) In the warfare that contrasted to such strong enemy also, for God that promised the victory helped with his great power could overcome without having troubles. Just like that the work God executed was obvious and he makes us brought the beauty of the end. The event that Israel overcame Sihon, a king of Amorite tribe, and Og, a king of Basan was happened before Israel crossed over the river Jordan. The experience of victory that they got at the first time on the way of the conquest of Canaan was the work of God’s victory that warranted the future victory in all warfare Refer to 13:21-22.

The spiritual life of our Christian believers is similar to it. The power that God regenerated us in the beginning of our faith life is the power that love us until the end and the power to resurrect us. (Rom 8:11 Eph 1:14) Refer to Philip 1:6.

3. The land that Israel occupied by the help of God consisted of several type. Those are, the mountain area, plain area, sliding area, wilderness etc. ( verse 8)



Just like that the believers that God took by the power of Holy Spirit are several figures. As we reviewed their character they are the arrogant man like mountain, the one to be frustrated well like the sliding earth, the violent and horrible manlike the wilderness and the one the peaceful man like the plain. But God transforms them by the Holy Spirit finally he makes the worthy saints in the kingdom of God. The workers of gospel remember such economy of God, have the hope in the Lord, and should work to the object of such people in much effort.

4. The kings that Joshua destroyed were total 31. (9-24)

To this fact some scholars said with question, that the tragedy (especially to destroy a certain nation completely) likes war comes out of the devil but it is not the thing to connect to God. But it is wrong claim that do not know who God is. God of course, is love. So he sometimes executes the judgment to kill some to establish up his steadfast love. The event to destroy some can become the activity of salvation to protect true life with love. Is it nature that we kill the poison snake? The fact that God destroys the sinful harden person itself is the virtue of love. Therefore Ps 136:15-20 said, “but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his

steadfast love endures forever; and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever;”

## Chapter 13 sermon matters

1. God declared that Joshua had many ages. ( verse 1) This reveals that as the man is old it is difficult to execute the position obviously. Therefore he appointed his successor and he should not stop his duty. II Tim 2:2 said, “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” If an old man cannot execute the work and then if he does not transfer his mission to the successor for he executes with his covet, he cannot help but to be failed. Paul established Timothy and Titus as his successors and made them work his mission continuously.

2. God said that the land Israel should occupy were lots yet. Such Christians stand up at the place that they do not possess the holiness yet in their living in the world and they do not know what he should know. The Christians have many affairs to fight with their corruption. As we contrast to the devil and fight with it faithfully, the fact that the victory is ours is warranted by the promise of God. II Jn 2:15 said, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” Jm 4:7 said, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” The method we contrast to the devil is to have the strengthened faith. I Pet 5:8-9 said, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the

same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.” And I Jn 5:4 said, “For everyone who has been born of God overcome the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” Refer to Jn 16:33.

3. Joshua shared the land of Canaan to each tribe of Israel by the exact direction of God, which it was recorded at 13:8-19:51 in detail.

1) The principle that each tribe person executed the responsibility he took. For the men of Menashe half tribe, Reuben tribe and Gad tribe received the inheritance at the land beyond the Jordan River they went ahead to occupy Canaan in the military activity. (4:12) The privilege without executing the responsibility is not in the laws of God. Refer to Num 32:1-42, Josh 1:12-18.

2) The principle to accomplish the prophesy. As we see the Jacob’s prophesy (Gen 49:19), Moses’ prophesy (Deut 33:20-21), Gad tribe comes the warrior and they should receive inheritance firstly. But as Israel shared the land of Canaan directly, it was the result consisted by the providence of God.

3) The principle that each tribe knew their portion concretely and kept on it directly. In this part (13:8-19:51) the names of the land that each tribe should receive and the board lines were recorded in detail. As we read the Scripture as we arrived at the name of place and the names of the men were recorded fully, we almost lose the interesting in them. But such records also came out of the direction of God; we

should treat the records preciously and should love them. We should read the names of the land and the names of the men deliciously.

About the portion of Reuben, Gath, Menathe half tribes it recorded the lands in detail as the introduction style, (8-14) and in essentially it was recorded in more detail. (15-33) The tribes of Israel had been warranted systematically that their later generations should keep on their portion faithfully. Just like that our Christians also should know the portion of their talents obviously and should execute in them. We should not neglect our position and should not invade to the position of the others.

4) The principle of obedience by each tribe. Each tribe of Israel were shared the land and received it, nobody complained for them. Although they requested to Joshua to receive what God promised rightly, there was no complaint. Refer to 14:6-12.

5) The principle that the Levite tribe should not be given the heritage. The reason they did not receive the inheritance was for their heritage was God himself. ( verse 33) Actually they received greater blessing. For God is their inheritance it cannot compare of the material of this world. Although we lost all things, we should not lose only God. To possess God it is the eternal life. Am 5:6 said, “Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, “. Refer to Is 12:2-3. Jesus said, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. “(Jn 14:6) and “Jesus said to

her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,” ( Jn 11:25)

## Chapter 14 sermon matters

1. The servers to share the land (verse 1) and the tribes to occupy the land. ( 2-5)

1) In mentioning the servers, high priest , the name of Elasal put at the primary seat, the name of Joshua came at the next one, After that he remarked the patriarchs of 12 tribes. These servers were appointed by God. (Num 34:16-29) 2) The 9 ½ tribes was given the other land of Jordan river was by the command of God, ( verse 2), the fact that Joseph tribe receive two portions was established by the prophesy of Jacob. (Gen 49:22) 3) the fact that Levite tribe was not given the portion was obeyed by the command of God. (13:4 Num 18:20-24) At this time, for the principle to lead Israel nation was the revelation of God, they had the character of believing and obeying faith is established to the object of supernatural, the above of the man.

2. The bold faith of Caleb (11-14) He took the decision strongly that he received the not good land and cultivated it. ( verse 12 a) At the Hebron mountain area the great giant tribe, Ank tribe lived there Caleb assured to overcome them by the power of God. The believer should take the courage and effort to overcome the adversity to see so the difficult stumbling block. A certain man of faith holds the motto , “achieve the impossible.” in his life. And lived so.

V Vonk said that we do not need to think that the faith of Caleb and Joshua belongs to the style of Old testament as following. That is, “We

believe in God as the creator that is, the omnipotent, believe in as our father by Christ, and we do not need to be afraid of theological philosophical giants like Anak tribe. “( De Voorzeide Leer, Deel I d, De Heilige Schrift, InLeiding op De Profeten, Jozua, 1972, p 233)



## Chapter 15 sermon matters

1. As Israel entered into the land of Canaan and shared it one another, the Judah tribe was treated firstly. This informs that then the movement of Israel's chosen people was in the center of messiah. The fact that Messiah should be born out of the tribe of Judah was prophesied. ( Gen 49:9-10, Jn 4:22, Heb 7:14-15 Rev 5:5) Just like that our believers does not in the center of the blood line, but they should be evaluated in the center of Christ.

2. The chapter 15 is filled with the names of regions.

High critics deny the historical fact of the Scripture of Old Testament and said, the Old Testament was a documents edited the writers in the center of theological thought. But as we see in the Old Testament, the Old Testament was not the writing in the center of the fact. Joshua chapter 15 was one of the evidences. In degree that the one to read the writing by the motive in the center of the thought did not feel hobby, there are filled with the names of region. The author of this book wrote the portion of Judah tribe, the names of the regions in the perspective of realism always sincerely and exactly.

The Scripture makes us believed in the Scripture the truth of redemption in the criteria of the realism.

3. The fact that Caleb occupied the Anak tribe was accomplished by his unchanged faith. ( verse 14) At the early time he investigated Canaan

by the command of Moses and returned and he did not treat the Anak tribe as a problem by faith.(Num 13:30, 14:6-9) After that 45 years were passed away, ( 14:10) his faith was not changed, and attacked the Anak tribe , the strong tribe in Canaan and destroyed them. For faith is precious than the life we should until our death and eternally. Refer to I Cor 13:13, Eph 6:24.

## Chapter 16 sermon matters

1. Next to Judah tribe that Messiah (Christ) should be born, the Joseph tribe was important. The fact that Joseph was sold to Egypt and was suffered was unique thing among the children of Jacob. Not only that, as the time of famine of Canaan, the one to execute the role to save Israel was Joseph. ( Gen 37:, 39:1- 47:12) Such all achievement of Joseph was the result of God's gracious providence. But God gives the reward too on the grace God gave so. This one also is the grace on the grace. Refer to Jn 1:16.

2. The Ephraim tribe in Joseph tribe occupied the fertile land ( the central area) in land of Canaan. This was the virtue of Joseph God established. The children to receive the virtue of the forefathers sometimes is neglected and is corrupted. It was fact that Ephraim executed the role of the leader in the idolatry of Northern 10 tribes. Refer to I King 12:25-33, 13:1-34.

## Chapter 17 sermon matters

1. When we see that for the portion of Ephraim tribe was wider than his elder- brother, it was included among the territory of Manasseh tribe, (8-9) the young brother tribe was superior or the elder- brother tribe. 1) This was the accomplishment of the forefather, Jacob's prophesy too. ( Gen 48:19-20) The accomplishment of prophesy always increases our faith. Jesus said, "I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. "( Jn 13:19)

2) By the fact that God blessed the second son of Joseph greater than his elder brother through Jacob revealed the sovereignty Lordship of God in bestowing the grace. He said, "t will be first, and the first last." ( Mt 20:16) The work of Sovereignty Lordship made them believed in only God.

2. Pioneering the violent environment is not lower than receiving the peaceful environment . ( verse 15) The believer to be participated into the pioneer 1) his faith should be strengthened. 2) he should be sound by his effort which is more precious than to get the matters.

3. The man of faith is not afraid of the strong enemy too. ( verse 18 b) Because he depends on the promise of God and is hanged up it. God keeps on his promise to the one to believe so. I Jn 5:4 said, "For

everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith”.

## Chapter 18 sermon matters

1. “How long will you put off going in to take possession of the land,” (the end of verse 3) Hesitating of Israel to deprive the land of Canaan came out of their unbelief. Despite God gave the land of Canaan to them, they did not continue the fighting of faith until the end to occupy it. This was the neglect of unbelief. The believers should execute the good fighting of faith continuously. The rest of spiritual fighting in the believer cannot be taken. Devil walks around like wailing lion and searches for the swallow persons. ( I Pet 5:8)
2. “They shall write a description of it with a view to their inheritances, and then come to me” (verse 4) Prov 16:1 said, “The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.” Any area seven tribes shall occupy should be settled by the lots. ( by the will of God. But Joshua commanded that the men should divide the land properly into seven areas. After the men take his personal responsibility, they should request the help of God about this book.

## Chapter 19 sermon matters

1. The fact that Reuben tribe received a portion that Judah tribe should receive, in a part it was the sham of his descendant for the sin of Reuben their forefather. ( Calvin) Gal 6:7 said, “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap”. Refer to Job 4:8.
2. The fact that the land of Canaan was shared to the tribes of Israel was the accomplishment of the prophesy that Jacob and Moses gave (Gen chapter 49, Deut chapter 33). Therefore we should read in the heart of tension even the region names to come in the record of the Scripture. The accomplishment of prophesy can be established by only God. We who read the word of this part should feel the living God in the word ( in reading the names of the regions).
3. Joshua was an example of all true leaders. He sacrificed for the others and seem to forget himself, he treated his issues finally. Refer to 19:49-50.

## Chapter 20 sermon matters

1. There was the law of God that the man can avoid. The man has the things of failure unintentionally. If he has responsibility in that work, he may have it. But as he has the responsibility to the work actually himself has the unfair point. In this case God makes him escaped and makes him lived in new hope. God wanted that we become the personality of responsibility but does not want that we should not pay extreme sacrifice payment over the limitation of responsibility.

2. The system of “refuge” was warranted by the law of God to escape out of some dangers. (4-5) The law of God had the strengthening as its feature. The fact we believe in Christ and get the eternal life was warranted by the laws of God. Rom 8:1-2 said, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death “.

3. Not intensely as the one to murder avoided into the refuge and was saved out of, he has the order of the law he should keep on. (4-6) Just like that As the sinner to be destroyed avoid into Christ and to get the blood of Christ, he should keep on the order. It is the direction of God’s word and the lead of Holy Spirit that he received it continuously and should follow. Grace is not no order.



## Chapter 21 sermon matters

1. The fact that the Levite tribe did not receive the independent heritage and lived by scattering to all tribes was the result that their forefather committed sin ( Gen 34:25-29) and received the curse. (Gen 49:7) but God bestowed mercy to them in his wrath ( Hab 3:2) and God made the Levite tribe scattered into the other tribes and made them served for the other tribes and proclaimed him ( the work to serve the tabernacle). They accepted Jehovah God as the heritance.

As the Levite tribes scattered into all tribes and lived there, when the Christian believers also are scattered into any areas, the gospel was proclaimed far through them. ( Act 8:4)

2. The thing that the tribes of Israel occupied the land of Canaan was the good work. (verse 46 a) As it was happened in history often it is not the sin that one nation invades to the other nation. Because Israel was appointed as the worker that Israel replaces to judge other nation.

That time that the nation of Canaan filled with the sin cannot help but to receive the judgment of God, Israel was called for as the workers of God. God punished them surely as a person, as a nation are filled with the extreme sin in the world. The judgment of God always good. Refer to 136:10-24.

3. The fact that Israel tribes occupied the land of Canaan was accomplished by the good will of God. ( verse 45 b)

Although the work of man is not accomplished so sufficiently , the thing that God interferes and accomplishes should be accomplished by taking the contents of his righteousness. The fact that Israel nation received the land of Canaan was accomplished finally according to the promise that God gave. (Gen 15:16). What God accomplished was always complete and the one to receive it becomes the true happiness. The believers should pray that he accomplishes whatever and tried do it.

Ps 37:5-7 said, “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!”

## Chapter 22 sermon matters

1. The adults to belong to Reuben tribe , Gath tribe and Manasseh half tribe put his families on the eastern side of Jordan river their promise before God ( 1:16-18) and participated into the war of Canaan and was faithful for long time. (verse 3) The man can keep on his responsibility temporarily. But it is difficult that he is faithful until the end. Although it is difficult God pleases the one to be faithful and promised many rewards and it was the delight affair. Refer to Rev 2:10.

2. The fact that the people of Israel entered into the land of Canaan was called for, “rest”. ( verse 4) At this point, what is the meaning of “rest”? Does it mean that after they entered into the land they lived without working? Of course it is obvious that it does not mean so. Here, “rest” gave the land to them as to his promise long time ago. It means that God stays with them together. As the Scripture of the New Testament and the Old Testament informs to us sincere happiness and sincere salvation has the fact to be with God in their center. Refer to Rev 21:3-4.

## Chapter 23 sermon matters

1. Although Joshua was old one and had no power he did not receive depression of the issue of Israelite future. (1-7) Because he believed in himself but believed in living God, he looked at the bright future of Israel. Such faith was similar to the optimistic faith that Jacob and Joseph took at their last beds to the future of Israel. Jacob said at his last time, “Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers”. ( Gen 48:21) Joseph also said with faith at his last bed, “And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” ( Gen 50:24) The faith confession, “I am about to die, but God” should be able to confess it.

2. For Joshua had much age he committed the most precious word to Israel lastly. 1) the commitment was “to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses,” ( verse 6) To fear God and to keep on the command is the duty of the man. (Ecc 12:13) 2) to intimate God closely and “to love”. (8, 11) Here so called for, the word, “to intimate” points to attach to God Jehovah and does not leave him.” As the man think his future it is dark. But as he lives with God to create all creatures, his future should be bright eternally.

## Chapter 24 sermon matters

1. The believer should remember the fact that his salvation is depended on only God. In such meaning Joshua made the representatives of Israel recognized the history of Israel's salvation. It is revealed obviously in verses 2-13. There, in the meaning that the salvation of Israel were accomplished by only God, the word, "I" ( God) was used so much. As we think that our salvation is hanged on only God, we should be depended on only God wholeheartedly. The faith to depend on only God wholeheartedly is the sincere faith.

2. Joshua took the personality of leadership as a leader of faith.

In he served only Jehovah God, he did not take the environment and the neighbor as the issues. He said, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ( verse 15 b)

## **The Sermons of the Judges**

## **Sermon 1 The secret of spiritual victory (Judg 7:1-8)**

### **1. Do not depend on the man.**

Verse 2 said, “The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’” God does not please all movements that the majority activated. Because the number of man are lots, they do believe in the power of man but do not believe in God. Therefore the Lord said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” “. ( Mt 18:20) Jer 5:1 said, “Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, look and take note! Search her squares to see if you can find a man, one who does justice and seeks truth, that I may pardon her.” Is 2:22 said, “Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?”

### **2. Eliteism**

Gideon overcame with 300 soldiers to shut the water like the dog executed with its tongue. Although the thirsty is severe, the one to hold the water and suck it with his hand has the power to endure. As the church commits the positions to unqualified person, it is the reason to corrupt the church. The fact that only many number is concentrated on cannot become the method to establish the spiritual sincerer church. The church is the community of proclamation but is

able to become the community of power. It is precious that the church executes delicately.

When Gideon arranged the elite soldiers, he commanded that all men to kneel down and bent their bodies and drank the water should be returned to their home. What does it mean? The fact that they knelt down and drank the water was to drink like the animals actually, it was the figure to concentrate on eating and drinking. The one not to take self-control hates the activity to serve the other. For the people to pick up the water with his hand and to suck it do not attack to fill his thirsty but overcame it, they execute for God and Gideon. They were the people were the people to obey the motto of his strategy, “When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon.’” (verse 18) For Jehovah and for Gideon are the secret of their victory.

Not only that, It was the mark of their awakening. They were the men can execute for Jehovah and for Gideon. The reason that the early church was revived came out of the fact that the Apostles concentrated on praying and proclaiming the word, among 7 deacons, Stephen was martyred, Philip took evangelism at Samaria powerfully. We cannot help but to do for the Lord. Rom 14:8-9 said, “For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. 9For to this end Christ



died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. “ St. Patrick established 365 churches at Ireland for the Lord. What is the thing for the Lord? 1) 1Jn 5:3 said, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” 2) Philip 1:29 said, “For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,”

## **Sermon 2 The faith that we can learn out of the victory of warfare that the Gideon military got ( Judg 7:9-23)**

1. He believed that it should be accomplished by the direction of God.

The devil also knows about the gospel and trembles. Let's us know this fact and take assurance and boldness. The camp of Medean for the dream that God gave, the men knew that Medean should be defeated by the military of Gideon and the word, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" " ( verse 20) became the sign of their horror. Gideon to know the contents got the power and proceeded to the camp of the enemy boldly. And the thing that the military executed was only to shout out "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" The enemies was horrible to just a word. ( verse 13). The sound of trumpet and the torch were used that they listened to it well. Just like that we overcome with the faith of gospel. For the devil knows the fact that the one to believe in Christ, overcomes, we believe in to overcome it and said "overcame., overcame", the devil are afraid of our faith and escapes. For Jesus Christ overcame the devil for us, we believes in the fact and proceed only.

2. Although a misery one is, as he stands up in the side of God, he believed that he should be overcome.

Another secret of the victory in Gideon military was the point that the military treated themselves miserly like the barley bread in the dream and to believe in Jehovah only. The barley bread is a poor bread which is a metaphor of the believer not to be proud of himself but to depend on only God. At the early time, Gideon said before of God, “ “. ( 6:15) He was a farmer and was the one to take harvest in the hidden place out of medians. But misery is not impossibility. Oberlin who was a famous giver in Germany almost was died on the way in snowing. Just that time, a coachman saved him. As Oberlin asked his name for his thankful heart, he replied, “Who know the name of a good Samaritan?” and did not tell him. William Carey that some great achievement were remained in India was elected as a missionary, he went to India as a shoes repair worker. Because the misery is so great, Paul said, “ “. ( II Cor 12:9) James said, “ “. ( Jm 1:10)

As we reveal ourselves to the others, let's keep in our mind that it is not blessing to ourselves. Just it seems to the fact that the fisher reveals his body to the fish, he cannot catch out the fish. It is difficult that the man become humble like the barley bread. It is like that the man cannot remove the shadow of his body.. If the man wants to make his shadow as smaller, he should receive the light on his head. Just like that as we live in the front of Christ we should deny ourselves and should live in humility.

### **Sermon 3 Although you are tired, follow me. ( Judg 8:4-12)**

Although the 300 persons of Gideon warriors were so tired, they did not stop the fighting. They were the sign of the Christian believers. The believers should execute so.

1. The military of Gideon went out to fight voluntarily. They were the devotional persons to Jehovah in rejoice. On the way that they served the work of God, they get joy continuously. The evidence was the fact that although they were tired ( verse 4) and they fought continuously by the command of God and also even though they were despised coldly out of Succoth men and Pduel men , but they did not solve their tired body but they took effort until the ultimate victory and got the complete victory at that warfare. (Verse 12)

2. They knew that their tired state is the chance to believe in him better, he progressed. Then he receives the power of God his might. Therefore Paul said, “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (II Cor 12:10)

3. Because they were tired, although the power of the warfare was weak than before, its effective can be greater. Because God pleases to receive the glory through the weak person. (I Cor 1:27-29) He knows his weakness and depends on God receive the power of God. (II Cor

12:9) Gal 6:9 said, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. “.

## **Sermon 4 The danger of the one not to cooperated one in the movement of God's salvation (Judg 8:5-17)**

When the Gideon military were tired and were starved, Gideon requested to provide the bread to the people of Succoth and Pduel. But they rejected in unchanged heart. Among the Christian believers the one not to cooperate to the movement of evangelism commits such fault. What contents does their rejected activity include?

### **1. The mocking sin**

The word of Succoth persons (verse 6) was revealed by attitude to mock Gideon. (Verse 13) It was a great arrogance that did not admit the work of God's salvation until this time that God accomplished through Gideon. The lots of Median military were escaped by being defeated by 300 Gideon military without hesitating! It was obvious that it was the work of God Jehovah. The fact that was obvious so was not admitted was the arrogance to mock God.

Here, what we keep on in mind is the fact that the believer does not cooperate to the evangelism of gospel is dangerous sin. Before the movement of gospel begun with few Apostles of Jesus, Was not Roman empire also kneel down finally! Until today the wonderful power to repent the sinners in the world have been the gospel of Christ. This gospel is the truth to say into the conscience of mankind. (II Cor 4:2, 5:11) The purpose to the mankind is the movement of Christ's salvation. Then if the believer does not cooperate to this gospel

although he does not reveal the mocking attitude externally, his secret heart is hidden in him, we can say. If he despise does not despise the movement of gospel how can he endure without cooperating to it? The attitude not to cooperate to the evangelism of gospel is dangerous. Isaiah pointed to the one to despise the work of God and said, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!” (Is 5:20)

## **2. The unbelieving sin**

Succoth people estimated that it was dangerous to fight with the enemy and rejected the cooperation to Gideon military. Although they had seen the victory of Gideon but they were afraid of the strong nation of the past time and tried to take effort to survive by standing up at the hand of the enemy. They said, “Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?”(Verse 6). Their word means that before the enemy was arrested by the hand of Gideon, they had unbelief that they cannot join into the warfare. Such thought they had means that for they could not believe in the victory of the ultimate warfare they were sufficient to live to attach to the idolatry people. Such people always stand up on the hand of the enemy. Therefore they finally were judged by the sword of Gideon.

The fact that the Christian believer does not cooperate the

Evangelism of gospel is the unbelief that does not believe the work of salvation surely and the one to take doubt to the ultimate victory. Not only that, it is easy to become an opportunist that if his physical peace is warranted he inclines into such direction although he throw away his faith. The devil is searching for “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” ( I Pet 5:8) the one to bracer such unbelieving thought in their heart is so dangerous.( Mt 12:30) We believers should keep on the hostile to the devil and we should stay in fighting state with the devil. The method to fight with the devil is the proclaim the gospel. God judges the men not to repent until the end.



## **Sermon 5. The trees of two kinds (Judge 9:7-15)**

After Gideon was died Abimelech, the son of his concubine killed his brothers (70 other sons of Gideon) cruelly. And became the king. Then only last son of Gideon was survived. Jotham pointed the fault of Schechem people that made Abimelech become the king and said a metaphor of two kinds – tree.

### **1. The metaphor of the trees to reject to become a king. (8-13)**

One day, “the trees” told to “anoint” and, “fig” and “vine”, he said “reign over us”, these trees rejected to become the king. This was a metaphor that our believers should reject to receive the glory of world. Our believers live in the tempted world. The world tempted us with glory and power. It makes us left out of the faith to believe in God by it. Jn 5:44 said, “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? “.

From where did the power that the olive tree, fig tree and vine tree rejected come out? It was produced by the mind that they were sufficient as the fruit to please man and God. In other word, it came out of the heart of contents as their heavenly work. Every man has the heavenly mission it is more precious than kingship. The heavenly occupation is the mission that every man receives before God. Why is it precious? For it is the mission God gave, as the man keeps on it faithfully, he gets contents and he should be succeed by receiving the

help of God. If as the man walks into the other way without knowing his heavenly mission, his work does not become well, as he works it he has no joy, accordingly the fruit is not revealed obviously. The man to become a pastor should, first of all, examine the possibility of mission obviously.

The secret that the man finds out his heavenly mission, like out text said, (9, 11, and 13) can be judged by reviewing his state that he pleases God and man. The pastors should have the power to give benefit to the soul of the others by the word of God. Concretely speaking. 1) He should rejoice the fact that his name is recorded in the book of life extremely. (Lk 10:20) 2) he has the assurance of truth and should please with the truth, (I Cor 13:6) 3) and the fact to receive the salvation of soul should be rejoiced extremely. (Lk 15:7) The one to enjoy as the heavenly mission has the power to reject the things to block his heavenly mission Moses rejected the glory to become the son of the daughter of king rather he chose the suffering and mocked things to company together in executing his mission. (Heb 11:24-25) As we first of all enjoy the highest amusement and contents we have the power to reject the other things ( the things like the glory of world) If the pastor gets the maximum contents out of his heavenly mission, first of all he find out his good point at that aspect and become professionally and he should reveal the progress well obviously without speaking any words.

## 2. The metaphor of the thorn tree (14-15)

And as the trees said to “the bramble”, the tree permitted it. Bramble came out of the result that the man was cursed. (Gen 3:18, Heb 6:8) The heart to lift up for himself produces out of the cursed heart. Such heart belongs to devil. Devil always wants to be lifted up. He was an arrogant being that received the worship by Jesus. (Mt 4:8) For the human heart is so similar to this one he wants to be lifted. He does not want to be criticized but wants to receive the applaud only. But he was list by two things. That is, as he was judged he embrace the poisonous hatred, it is suicide. And he likes to receive the glory for he is arrogant by thinking that although he does not become something, he treats himself as he became. It is the deceived life by himself. Like he thinks of presently after he ate no nutrition food. The fruit of a certain tree of Southern Africa as it is eaten by the hungry person, the hungry sense is disappeared but actually no nutrition be given to his body.

What the pastor wants to be lifted up is to choose the way of curse. In the medieval time that the church was corrupted extremely, the pastors loved to be lifted up. Then the pope rode on the cargo and walked ahead the kings, and the pope rode on the horse and the kings served as the coachman. Moreover the pope, Celestine III had put the crown on Henry IV, British king with his feet.

## **Sermon 6 The hand filled with honey (Judg 14:1-9)**

Samson descended into Dimna and arrived at a vineyard and then Met a lion and killed it by hitting it with his empty fist to marry with a Philistine woman. After that he passed through the way again and he found out the honey in the corpse of the lion. He took the honey and he himself ate it and served his parent too. In this event we can think of the spiritual meaning.

1. Samson met a young lion at his vine yard.

Here so called for, “baby lion” pointed to “young lion”, that is, the lion to have strong power. Often the lion lived at on the wild field; Samson met it at a vineyard. The vineyard is the symbol of peace. Therefore we understand that in the life of our faith, rather, the dangerous thing can be happened at the peaceful day easily.

The devil always walks around like the crying lion and searches for the one it can swallow. (I Pet 5:8) But many believers are anesthetized by the craft of devil do not know the devil as the devil. Accordingly they have no the spiritual warfare to fight the devil daily. The kingdom of God is not entered without fighting easily; we enter into it by the spiritual warfare without pausing. The Scripture teaches the fact with many words. Heb 12:4 said, “In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. “. And II Tim 2:4 said, “No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please

the one who enlisted him. “, Eph 6:11 said, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”, Rom 12:21 said, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

We, the Christian believers should not the defending attitude but attacking attitude. Devil attacks us with the weapon of its craft but we should contrast to it with the weapon of faithfulness. Our faithfulness means to proclaim our gospel we believes in directly and revealed it actually, especially sincerity to live it directly. The devil escapes as we live the gospel faithfully for it is afraid of it. Devil has the settlement that it already had been defeated before the faith to believe in Jesus Christ faithfully.

2. Samson overcame the lion by the impression through the Spirit of Jehovah greatly.

Samson, in this time had no some helpers; his hand had no any weapons. But he overcame it with the power of Holy Spirit. Whoever the man is isolated. He should fight with his issue by himself. Finally. Finally he also should overcome his death by himself. His death cannot solve by replacing with his family and his friends. He can overcome his death by only Holy Spirit by the faith to believe in Christ.

What we should remember at this point is the fact that we have the secret to overcome before no counting issues, the stumbling blocks and

troubles we cannot solve with our power. The secret is only the power of Holy Spirit. Verse 6, the word, “the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him” reveals the secret of victory of Samson and also our secret. God is not with the one to believe in the others except God. What the New Testament and Old Testament stressed is just this truth. At the day of kingdom of Israel also (the day of David and Solomon) the reason God rebuked to the nation was for they threw away God but depends on the strong nations like Egypt, Arab, Babylon and Assyria. God hated such activity completely. He said such activity as the adultery. (Ezek 16:15-34) Today although we say that we believe in Christ but we believe in the other than Christ, do not we stay at the attitude to love them more? At such state the word to believe in God and the word to love God rather, are admonition only. Because the word, he believes in and loves him was the cover of craft only. In America a young person, Paul, a young man wanted to become a doctor of philosophy extremely from child time and studied so much for the purpose. On the way he studied he served the church passionately, his distress was the issue that there was no impressed preaching in that time. One day for he prayed a voice of God was listened to in his heart. It was to give up becoming the doctor of philosophy. Then he replied, “After I become the doctor of philosophy if he proclaims the gospel, do not I glorify you more to you?” Then he had no joy in his heart until the end. Then he before two days that he receives his degree and informed to the school and noticed

his giving up of the degree to it. After that he received the great power and executed the work of the Lord more effectively.

2. He found out the honey in the corpse of the lion.

We get the spiritual meaning in the event too. Our believers must receive the award of God as the result to overcome the devil. Jm 1:12 said, “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. “. When we meet the tribulation and also overcome it well should receive the great grace. II Cor 1:4-6 said, “Who comforts us in our entire affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.” II Cor 4:10-12 said, “Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.” As we believers take the victory in his life, we can proclaim Christ fruitfully. The sanctified life to overcome the sin like lion is the most effective sermon. For many believers do not overcome the sin like lion

but does not overcome the little issue and little sin like the mice, they do not proclaim the gospel highly. There is no the work of God.

Samson took the honey out of the corpse of lion and gave it to his parent but he did not say the story to kill the lion. It was his humility. For the Holy Spirit treated it precious, it recorded the fact in two times. (6, 9) Although among the believers, the persons to be humble do not inform what he executed well, it is general to say it to his family. But Samson did not say so. For he was so humble at that time, God gave his grace to him and used him greatly.



## Chapter 1 sermon matters

1. Judah tribe charged the leadership of warfare to occupy the land of Canaan, (verse 2) which was accomplished by the prophesy of Jacob. (Gen 49:8, Deut 33:7), the word of God always should be accomplished directly.
2. The one to entertain God's chosen people by goodness receives the entertainment like the chosen people. The entertainment that Kenites and Lus people received was so. (16, 24-26 Ex 13:13-27) Refer to Mt 10:41.
3. Israel did not occupy all land God gave too completely. For it was the short of their faith. Just like that the believer to neglect the inheritance of heaven God gave is the one not to believe in the word of God completely. God gives us the great grace of salvation without price and commanded the effort of faith. That is, the kingdom of God should be occupied by the one to invade into, (Mt 11:12) "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord." ( Rom 12:11) God gave the inheritance (heaven) of spiritual blessing to the believer, it is lamented thing that the believer has no the faith to receive it.

## Chapter 2 sermon matters

1. The fact that all descendants of Israel listened to the righteous rebuke and received it with sweet heart and executing until weeping were accomplished by the grace of God. (1-4) The event that the men regretted their sin and even cried out was the precious thing that the men could take memorial permanently. The Scripture made them remembered even the name of the town (Bokim) for the activity was treated precious. ( verse 5) Refer to Lk 6:21.
2. The church of God should stand up under right leaders. (7-10) They go by the lead of the leaders. Therefore they are called for “the flock of sheep” Refer to Ps 23:1-6, 80:1, Jn 10:1-12.
3. As the believers do not obey until the end they meet many affliction and misery things by the discipline of God. (11-15)

## Chapter 3 sermon matters

1. The standard of activity of the believers is the eye of God. The word, “in the sight of the Lord. “means it. (7, 12) In other word, they should live rightly and should execute before God to see them in secret. Refer to Mt 6:1-18, Rom 2:28-29.

2. Ehuth, the left handed person was used by God saved Israel out of oppression of Moab. ( verse 15) As God uses his worker sometimes he rather pleases to use the ugly one more than the good one in the external outside. Then the glory does not return to him but to return to God. Refer to II Cor 4:7. II Cor 1:27-29 said, “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. “.

3. The confidence of judger Elihuth came out of his faith. He believed that God stitched Moab into the hand of Israel. So he shouted out to the people “follow me!” and then approached into the battle. (27-28)

## Chapter 4 sermon matters

1. Although the enemy of church is so strong (2-3 a) the prayer the church cries out in one heart receive the answer of God to defeat the enemy. ( 3 b-7) Refer to Mt 18:19, Prov 21:31 said, “He horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord.”
2. The person of faith God is with him gives the peace to the people and also gives hope in the anxious day too. (6-7) The Apostle Paul met the wretched danger in the Mediterranean Sea. Then all 276 persons in the ship were dropped down into frustration Paul to listen to the word of God gave peace and hope to them. ( Act 27:23-25, 33-37)
3. As Sisra, a general of Canaan that controlled lots of military also was attached to Israel by God, (verse 14) he was dropped down into the sea not to be protected. 1) He became the remained soldiers (15, 17); in his sleeping he was killed (20-21) 2) he was killed by the hand of a weak woman. ( verse 21) Energy and power belong to only Jehovah. ( Ps 62:11) Is 40:17 said, “All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.”

## Chapter 5 sermon matters

1. The experience of church to the work of God is not only one figure. Like the earth is shaken there is the day to understand his living, (4-5) and is the day that the stigma is concealed too. ( verse 6) In this case, the believers did not reveal and should not doubt that God is alive. Just this day is the time to test what the believers keep on the word of God. They should not lose the grace to receive in the bright time in the dark time.

2. He men to devote himself to God should devote to God in delight. (2, 9) The reason are 1) Because our life was given by God it is nature to offer it to God, 2) Because we devote ourselves to him he protects it. 3) And because he sanctifies our personality.

3. Before the event of God's revelation to save the mankind the believers need to awake and to praise absolutely. (verse 12) Because the activity of God's revelation awaken our activity. The soul not to be awakened does not know the fact that God is alive. But the one that his soul is awakened by the revelation and Holy Spirit understand what God executes sincerely and he know in degree to feel impression and praise his living. (Ps 17:15)

4. The believers should stand up at the side of God and hanged his life to the work of God and should fight and give his effort. Among the people of Israel the men not to be participated into the warfare of Canaan were cursed. (Verse 23). The prophet, Jeremiah

shouted out, ““Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord with slackness, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from bloodshed. “.  
(Jer 48:10)

## Chapter 6 sermon matters

1. Gideon started in humility (verse 15) The sincere workers God used were not the arrogant men to pursue on honorable heart. God throw away the arrogant man. ( Jm 4:6) The man always cannot execute the work of God with his power. Only the duration God is with him, he has the qualification of the workers God uses. Therefore what he always lives in humble heart is honest attitude.
2. “Show me a sign that it is you who speak with me.”( verse 17 b ) It is right to request the evidence to God that the believer may discern obviously that his experience. Came out of God, When he discern it well, he is to believe in the Lord better. Refer to I Jn 4:1. Only the one to request such evidence is the awakening person to follow the Lord. The one to have no passion in discerning the truth have no concern to spiritual facts.
3. The altar, “Salom of Jehovah” ( ) (verse 24) brings the peace between the man and God. In other word, it was the type of Christ. Christ becomes the peace offering to give the spiritual peace. Refer to II Cor 5:19-21. Eph 2:13-18 said, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might

reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

4. Who can overcome to fight to the idol? He consistently is to keep on his word in believing in Jehovah. Gideon was such a man. 1) He destroyed the altar of Jehovah by the word of God. (25-27) although he was afraid of the persecution of man he did not stop to obey the word of God and executed it. ( verse 22) It is precious that the believer keeps on the truth wholeheartedly. 2) He was treated by the enemies (28-30) after Gideon crushed the altar of idol he was treated in his life. ( verse 30) Such threats should give the pain of his mind. This also was the suffering for the righteousness. The one to be suffered for the Lord receives the train of faith by the power of spiritual grace and also he should become boldness. ( I Pet 4:14) Although Gideon was afraid of the persecution firstly he destroyed the altar of Baal but he finally was bold, in his whole life he revealed the name of “The object to contend to Baal” (Jerubbaal) and walked publicly. ( verse 32)



## Chapter 7 sermon matters

1. According to the direction of God among 32000 persons, 300 persons, the sliders of Gideon elected delicately (2-8) overcame in the war of Median greatly. (19-23) As the church of God becomes the group to serve God sincerely, little persons should be sufficient his mission.
2. God hates that the people are arrogant, ““my own hand has saved me. “ ( verse 2 b) As our salvation was rooted in the thought that God exists in us deeply (Rev 7:10) we 1) are not deceived by ourselves and become a wise person to know the fact sincerely. 2) He does not believe in ourselves like mist (Jm 4:14) but he believes in only God, he is not failed eternally. 3) He lives always in thankful heart. The one to think to God always receives continuously the grace of God more. And 4) as we do not think “My hand does not save me” he is dropped down into the blasphemed sin. The thought “My hand saves me” is dangerous for he himself is God. We should not have such thought in our sub consciousness. How can we have the great sin in our heart?
3. Faith overcomes. (13-15)

The faith that Gideon military overcome to the Median military does not come out of Gideon himself but is given by the revelation of Go ( the dream to be given to Median military) (13-14) Refer to 6:36-40. Because faith always came out of God and takes the background of God, it has the power to overcome all worlds. I Jn 5:4. For faith it is

the miracle of miracles, the one to receive it that is, he becomes the one to accept God. The faith of believer is only the operation of his mind, the mind itself also may turn off as the lamp in the wind. The mind always is changed.

## Chapter 8 sermon matters

1. The humility that treats the other better than me (Phil 2:3) must be the way of victory. Gideon evaluated the result of warfare of Ephraim better than his one. (2-3) Ephraim people to listen to this word of Gideon stopped the activity to contrast to him and returned (the end of verse 3) Gideon overcame in this part. Humility is the lead of honor. (Prov 15:33)
2. It is dangerous that whoever despises the man God uses and mocks him. The people of Succoth and Bunuel people were punished greatly as the result that mocked the man God used. (16-17) because to despise the man of God is similar to mock the work of God. II King 2:23-24.
3. The faith of Gideon to overcome the war of Median and returned was corrupted so much later. (24-32) among the leaders many persons do not finish beautifully at his ending. The reason is like following. 1) Because as the men are successive, they are arrogant. Arrogance is the leader of destruction. (Prov 16:18) 2) As the men meet the trouble he established virtue to keep on the faith, After he walked through the trouble he begins to take pleasure. The man to like the pleasure is like living man, but he was died actually. (I Tim 5:6).

## Chapter 9 sermon matters

1. The prosperity to include the sin must be only the root of the woe.

Many children that Gideon took several wives and got were killed once. (verse 5) The works not to do with faith is the great success; finally it should be finished as vanity. Refer to Ecc 1:2-3, 2:1-2.

2. The purpose that the man lives is to bear fruit for God and man. (8-13)

The fruit is the faith to please God (Heb 11:6 I Cor 10:31) and the work of salvation to please the man. (I Cor 10:32-33) Refer to Ecc 12:13.

Whoever should not leave this purpose and should not shake on the others with honor and power. The Hebrews word of “to shake”, ( ) means float about. Which means to rule over the others on the others at the same time, the attitude means the restlessness and insecurity? The true man for God and man are compared with olive tree, fig tree and vine tree. The usage of these trees does not put the word but put the fruit. The wood should be sacrificed for product of fruit and is useless the man to product the fruit for God and man sacrifice like he himself is disappeared.

3. The work that the man does not reveal his righteousness ahead and he accomplished must be only righteous to him. (16, 19-20) The fact that Abimelech became a king was not by sincere method and also by the righteous method. (1-6) to deceive and to be unrighteous is the

method of devil from the beginning. Eve followed to the method of devil (Gen 3:4-6) and he executed the unrighteousness to break out the method of God. (Gen 3:6 b)

## Chapter 10 sermon matters

1. As the people of God commit sin God punishes them and then there is the time to afflict them by raising the people in their situation through the permission of God. When Israel commits the sin they were oppressed by the Philistine tribe and the Ammon tribe lived at their neighbors. (6-9) the reason that God disciplines so loves to love them. He disciplines the one to love. Refer to Heb 12:5-13.
2. As we keep on in mind the grace God saves (11-13) generally we cannot commit sin again. Because as we think the experience of salvation to receive by God, 1) because the fact that was moved into light from darkness, into life from death, is impressed in us. 2) Because we have no the heart to be dropped down into darkness and death again.
3. Israel to commit sin repeatedly throws away the sin and seeks the salvation of God; God gave his mercy to them. (15-16) if any sinners repent their sin sincerely again he forgives even several times repeatedly. (Only until that he repents faithfully and is forgiven, he may receive the tribulation to come by the wage of sin.) Refer to Is 1:18, II Sam 12:13-14.

## Chapter 11 sermon matters

1. Japheth was despised by his brothers and he lived in misery. (1-3) But God established him as the deliverer of Israel. God said, “He rises up the poor from the dust “. ( I Sam 2:8 a) Refer to I Cor 1: 27-29.
2. Japheth believed that the salvation of Israel comes out of only God. He said, “The Lord gives them over to me, I will be your head.” ( verse 9 b ) As one person is well we should believe in it. ( verse 9 b ) Jm 4:15 said, “Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”

## Chapter 12 sermon matters

1. The men of Ephraim took jealousy to the victory of Jephthah (at the warfare with the Ammonite tribe) and challenged with their complaint. (1-3) they started to fight to Jephthah without right reason and said, “We will burn your house over you with fire.” ( verse 1 b) They were failed in the fighting. ( verse 6) Just like that, the one to like fighting so and is entered into the fighting rapidly should be failed. Prov 25:8 said, “Do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?”
2. After the warrior, Jephthah to save Israel out of the hand of the Ammonite tribe was died; the judges to rule over Israel did not remain any merit except they begot many children. They were Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon etc. (8-15) For their day was so peaceful, they did not accomplished special merit as the leaders rather they seemed to live indulgently. As we see it the man bears the righteous fruit at the time of tribulation than the peaceful time. Refer to Ps 119:67, 71.



## Chapter 13 sermon matters

1. God established the work of Israel's salvation by almost the supernatural power until this perspective point.
2. As the pastors of church devote himself to God, he got the power of God and they become the workers that He uses.
3. The one to lead the faith life of the other should be the one to have the assurance of truth. The wife of Manoa solved the distress of her husband with the lesson of truth. (22-23) That is, she claimed, 1) God to receive the burnt offering and meals offering should not kill him. The purpose that God gave the system of offering was to save the mankind. 2) God to proclaim the good news of heaven said that the one to offer it never be killed. The purpose God gave the revelation to the people was to bless them. Always the assurance of the truth is the qualification of the leader.

## Chapter 14 sermon matters

1. Samson was a heavy - mouthed essentially and kept on the secret well. ( verse 6 b, 9 b) But he did not overcome the affective requisition of his loved woman and revealed the secret to her. (17, 16: 15-17). Although he was a warrior, he was defeated by a woman.
2. The one to receive the power of God can overcome the strong one too like lion. (verse 6) The weak person does not need to have any anxiety for his weak point; it is wisdom to approach to God and to pray to him. God makes “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; “. ( I Cor 1:27) Refer to Lk 11:9-13.
3. Samson found out honey comb in the dried corpse that he killed. (verse 8) The spiritual food that the believer can eat cannot come out of devil. But at the place to overcome by fighting with the devil he must be supplied the spiritual power. ( Mt 4:10-11 I Pet 5:8-10)
4. Samson killed the lion with the spiritual power of God. And after some time he found out the honeycombs in the dried corpse (6-7) the experience was a maxim to the others. As we see this fact what we can understand is the fact that the believers should experience the others personally. The experience of this one is different to the experience of the other comparably. Before he announces it the others cannot know the contents in detail. It is like the maxim of God.

## Chapter 15 sermon matters

1. Samson did not punish the rebellious persons to rebel himself but he got angry to the Philistine tribe to be the enemy of Israel tribe community. (1-5) Just like that the true angel of Jehovah is attacked unfair thing personally he did not take personal avenge and fought to the devil in the background of it. This was the principle of the activity as he takes the unfair issue. The Apostle Paul said, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12).
2. Samson did not harm the Jews that transferred himself into the Philistine tribe, the enemy tied himself, and rather he obeyed the action that they tied him in quiet. He just like that did not astray the category of his mission to punish only the Philistine tribe (13:5, 14:4). He did not interfere even little things except his mission. Refer to Rom 12; 3-8.
3. Samson walks in the enemy of Philistine; he did not accompany any soldiers under himself and had no weapons. (15-17) He had the safe heart by the power of God wholeheartedly. The worker of gospel appointed for the soul also should execute with full spiritual power. Paul said, “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” ( II Tim 1:7) Refer to II Cor 10:3-5, Eph 6:10.

## Chapter 16 sermon matters

1. As Samson was asked forcedly that Delilah requested the source of power and responded her demand and he said three time lies intensely, Delilah believed in the lie per time and executed it but it was vain. He just like that the power to receive for practicing the mission used the play game to mocking the woman and adducted the pleasure of flesh. His activity was the blasphemed one “turning God's grace into lust “. Refer to Jud 1:4. His depravity could not help but to receive the punishment of God.

2. Samson that loved the pleasure more than God (II Tim 3:4 b) finally was met more painful suffering and despising in the contrast of the pleasure as the wage of sin. ( verse 21) The pleasure of human sin cannot help but to receive the retribution exchanged by the suffering in the rate of it.

## Chapter 17 sermon matters

1. Micah was a wicked example of idolatry in the day of Judges.

He made the idols passionately. (3-4) the priest also were appointed by himself. (Verse 5) At the ultimate thing he made of became the religion of idolatry of Dan tribe. (18:31) such a thing does not become at the pagan area, but it was happened at the place nearby the Ephraim in Israel that is Shiloh (the place the ark was settled). Just like that the heart of Christian believers may have the idolatry. They are 1) is the thought to see God with his eyes. 2) It is the thought to correct the Scripture to fix the Scripture to human reason. That is, human idolatry or, Ego worship is the idolatry. 3) Although the believers believe in the word of God, if they has the covet it also is the idolatry. (Col 3:5) As we accept the idolatry we cannot please God and cannot accomplish the will of God.

2. The boy to visit to the house of Micah was the example of a false pastor. (7-13) He became a presto keep on his life. He so called for played the game of priest for his food life but not for the mission of God. Refer to Phil 3:19.

## Chapter 18 sermon matters

1. Five warriors of Dan tribe investigated the land and arrived at the house of Micah and then he met the priest of the idol, they asked their prosperity in the future to him without any discernment. ( verse 5) As we see this one, we can know how they were ignorant to the laws of God. At the early time, Moses commanded severely of the manner to serve Jehovah, “take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, but at the place that the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you. “. (Deut 12:13-14), Refer to Deut 13:1-5. The men to ignore the word of God should be dropped down into the idolatry easily. So God commanded to try to do the religious education. ( Deut 6:7)

2. The leader of false religion to stay in the house of Micah did not please with the truth (I Cor 13:6) but they pleased the lifting of his position only. (19-20) today the false leaders also did so. They use the church for their success in the world. They execute all political craft, lie and rebellion generally to strengthen their position in the church. For they actually make the church afflicted, they should be destroyed without repenting. Phil 3:18-19 said, “For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things “.

3. The Dan tribe went to the blessed land, Laish (7, 10) and was located there. (37-39) But they stole the idol out of the house of Ephraim Micah, (14-20) and made there as the center of idolatry. ( verse 30) For the wage of sin they finally were arrested and went into the foreign. ( verse 30 b) They served the idol and stole the other idol and the priest forcedly, and then established up the idolatry. The idol they brought became the snare to destroy them finally. Refer to Ps 106:36.

## Chapter 19 sermon matters

1. As the Levite tribe returned to their hometown, Ephraim from Bethlehem concentrated on eating, drinking and enjoying but they did not think of God. (4, 6, 8) To the one that eats so and drinks and concentrates the physical pleasure Jesus said that he is a foolish. Refer to Lk 12:19-21.

2. The Levite tribe person entered into the other way and then he was met great disaster. (22-23) the experience of his journey is a metaphor of the life of man that is called for the stranger of this world. For the man is astray to the way he has much failure. Because his heart is dark and he has much things to ignore the future things. Then how can we overcome such ignorant harmful result? As we concentrate on the faith life we can overcome such loss. Although we do not know the future, if we walk by faith for God is with God we cannot be slipped. Refer to Jn 11:9-10, Jer 12:15-16. Prov 27:1 said, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.” which means to be like the word that encounters the future with faith. . ( Jm 4:15-16) Because we have ignorance of the future in case to commit the fault, as we repent faithfully we gets the solution of problem.



## Chapter 20 sermon matters

1. As Israel punished the bad guys of Israel, 1) they did not start the whole warfare with Benzamine tribe but settled to punish only the bad guys lived at the land of Gibeah was a good thing. (Verse 10 b) 2) and also it was good thing that they did not start the warfare with them to negotiate to them of their releasing out of the Benzamine tribe. ( verse 13) Such attitude tried to keep on the balance and to take the maximum effort.

But because of the fault of Benzamine tribe, the issue was not solved naturally. That is, they did not obey the compromise with Israel. It was fault not to obey the word of “the brother” (verse 13 b) to exhort with love. Whether a person or, a community should obey the right word sweetly. Refer to Ps 141:5.

2. Before Israel tried to fight with benzamine tribe they prayed before God. But before they asked yes or no of the warfare, they hurried to attack them. ( verse 18) The way that they waited for with more endurance and they searched for the other way to avoid all warfare and seek the direction of God it might be good. It is easy that always as it is hurry to commit fault. The passion of the man tastes the bitter cup of failure. (21, 25) Refer to Prov 19:2.

3. For the soldiers of Benzamine tribe overcame at the warfare of two times, they were arrogant. (20-21, 24-25)As the result they were

deceived by the leading strategy of Israel military in the third warfare of Israel (verse 32) and then they were defeated. The arrogant one has much deceived things; Arrogance is the lead of destruction. ( Prov 10:18)

## Chapter 21 sermon matters

1. It was a good thing that the mass people of Israel had the righteous heart for the event of Gibeah. (19:22-29) To have the righteous heart is good. But the assembly to be gathered for the event was vowed wrongly in the tension, for example, 1) the men not to enter into the assembly should be settled to kill. 2) The daughters in other tribes of Israel should not marry the people of the Benzamine tribe. For such vows they killed all (10-12) except young virgins 400 persons in the Jabez Girath people not to come into the assembly. Secondly The remnants of Benzamine tribe arrested the daughters of Shiloh and made them married. (19-23) then the leaders of Israel made them executed so, by claiming that the parents of the daughters did not execute intensely and then they did not break out the vow of the assembly. ( verse 22 b) This was the hypocrisy. Anyway in the method, for they made the virgins of the other tribe taken by the people of Benzamine tribe, it was to beaker out the vow of the assembly. Although it is right thing, as he takes in the tension emotion, whoever commits fault Ad for treating following issue they should be committed much fault. We should not move the righteous feeling into emotion and exiting. As we that the righteous feel is happened in our heart we should keep on more silence and should return to the attitude of peaceful and speculative heart.
2. As the men executed by himself with his will, (verse 25) the society was confused rather they loses true freedom. True freedom

should be sustained there. The freedom not to keep on the laws is not. As we break out the laws of nature can we enjoy happiness? The one to despise the law of fire should be burnt and was died, the one to break the law of as he should be died by choke. Death is not free release but no freedom arrested by the king of horror.

## Ruth

## **Sermon 1 The Faith of Ruth (1:15-18)**

Ruth was a pagan Moabite woman and she did not receive the education of Jehovah's religion but she knew God by the evangelism of Naomi, a pagan woman that came out of her nation. This fact gives the motive of mission ministry.

### **1. The faith in the center of God.**

Although Ruth throws away his patriot nation, she came into Judah with his mother-in-laws. The min motive was to accept the God of Israel as her God. Of course what she decided to follow her mother-in- laws were expressed as several things. (15-17) But among them the word, "your God my God " (the end of verse 16) was in the center of it. This word was proved by the word of Boas, that is, Ruth came into Judah to receive the protection of "The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" "(2:12). the men to follow the Lord although he offers all precious things to God are the persons to have the faith in the center of God. Abraham (Gen 12:1-4), Moses (Heb 11:24-25), Paul (Philp 3:4-9) belong to the great persons of such faith.

### **2. The faith to keep on righteousness.**

Ruth said, "Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death part me from you."

(Verse 17). This word of Ruth means to serve her mother-in-laws until her ending. Just like the word, she served unchangeably until her mother-in-laws were died. Here we can analyze the righteousness of Ruth as following.

- 1) Although she throws away her patriot nation (the refuge of her body) she took decision to follow God and to serve her mother-in-law is right. Always the righteous man decides to choose the right thing the man should take to choose the righteousness. Moreover, the believer does not need some other words. Daniel also decided his will obvious did not he become a man of faith victory! Refer to Dan 1:8.
- 2) Although she met any troubles before her, she decided to serve her mother-in-laws. She vowed before Jehovah not to leave her mother except her death in the name of Jehovah and did not change her beginning will. (Verse 17 b) Actually although she was fallen down into the impossible attitude, she served her mother-in-laws faithfully. As she served her mother-in-law she was not shame to pick up the remained grain and rather, she treated it as the thing that it received grace (2:2) she always thanked at her low seat. Although the one to serve God meet any trouble environment he proceeds in patience and rejoice. For she had the eternal kingdom she did not treat the temporary things in the world as some issues, and for she had the hope the eternal kingdom God prepared, she made her temporary life rather as the chance of humility.

**[The end of the Joshua, Judges and Ruth Sermons  
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