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Today's work is done today

The Book of Joshua (Chapter 10)

10:12 And it came to pass, that Joshua said to Jehovah, in the days that Yahweh had delivered the Amorites into Israel, and said before the eyes of the Israelites, O sun, stop at Gibeon. O moonlight, thou shalt stop in the valley of Ayarom.

10:13 And the sun ceased and the moon stopped, until the people took vengeance on their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar ? And the sun stood still in the middle of the day, and did not set down rapidly, for about a day.

If the day gets longer, it means more time to do the things you love, explore new hobbies, learn new skills, and even travel farther. You'll have plenty of time to spend with family and friends and experience things that you wouldn't normally be able to try because you don't have time to do so. How wonderful a day would it be, and how do you think you would use that extra time?

The first rays of the morning sun came slowly, like a loving god gently touching the earth, awakening all sleeping creatures. On this special day, people are grateful and begin to explore the infinite possibilities of time. With the hands of the clock dancing, everyone has an extra opportunity to fulfill their dreams and aspirations that have been put on the shelf.

This special day is not only a time to realize your dreams, but also a time to settle your thoughts. People may meditate and reflect, examine their hearts, find answers, sort out emotions, and mend those broken lines that have been hidden by time. Time seems to have become vast, giving people a precious opportunity to appreciate every subtle detail of life.

Indeed, being grateful for each day is a wonderful state of mind. Whether it's an ordinary day or a special moment, every day contains endless possibilities and value. There are many reasons why the gods might want us to appreciate each day.

First and foremost, being grateful for each day can help us cherish the little things in our lives. Many of life's good things are often taken for granted, but when we begin to appreciate and realize them, we will find that there are many things to be thankful for, such as the love of family, the company of friends, and the health of our body.

Second, being grateful for each day can remind us to focus on the present moment. Sometimes we get so busy planning for the future or reminiscing about the past that we lose sight of what's happening in front of us. Gratitude allows us to focus more on the present moment and enjoy the joy and peace of the moment.

Being grateful for each day allows us to face life more positively. When we learn to be grateful and appreciate everything in the moment, we can be more active in finding solutions to problems, even in the face of difficulties, because we know that there are many things in life that are worth cherishing and protecting.

There are many places in the Bible that mention the importance of gratitude, appreciation, and cherishing each day. There are verses in which trust in God is emphasized and gratitude and praise to God are shown in daily life.

For example, Psalm 118:24 reads, "This is the day appointed by the Lord, in which we shall rejoice and rejoice." This passage emphasizes the need to rejoice and rejoice in God-given days, recognizing that this is a special time given by God and that one should be grateful for it.

In addition, 1 Timothy 4:4 says, "Everything that God has created is good, and it is holy if it is used with thanksgiving." This passage reminds us that everything God has created is something to be thankful for and appreciated, and that when we are thankful and make good use of what God has given us, we can embody a holy and holy attitude to life.

"What is done today, what is done today" is a simple but important adage that emphasizes the importance of timely action. This quote reminds us not to procrastinate, but to deal with the things of the moment in the present moment and not to save what can be done today for tomorrow.

James 4:13-15: "Some of you say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and we will stay there for a year, and we will buy and sell for profit.'" But you don't know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? You say, 'Tomorrow we will go to a certain city and stay for a year, and we will buy and sell for profit.'" In fact, tomorrow is like a fog, and when it appears, it will be gone. This passage admonishes people not to plan for the future with too much confidence, but to focus more on the present because we cannot be sure of what is to come.

Ephesians 5:15-16: "Take heed not to be like fools, but to be wise." Make the most of your time, for this age is evil. This passage emphasizes the cherishing and use of time, admonishing us to act wisely and not to waste it.

While these verses do not explicitly say, "Today's things are done today," they remind us to value our time, plan wisely, and focus on the things in the moment. They remind us to be vigilant in our lives, to use our time wisely, and to be responsible and cautious in everything we do every day.

We pray together:

Heavenly Father, we come to you and ask you to give us the faith that will enable us to walk in Christ's example in our daily lives. May your Holy Spirit give us the wisdom and courage to be loving and generous in every moment, whether it's at work, at home, in community, or in church.

Pray that the Lord will give us the strength to pursue righteousness, to do good, and to experience your endless grace. In the face of difficulties and trials, please give us the resilience to overcome them with faith and hope.

Lord, please protect and bless Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Let them find strong faith in the face of adversity, support from their brothers and sisters, and comfort in your loving and protective support.

May you give every Christian the wisdom to know and follow your will. Please teach them how to treat one another with love and humility to glorify your name in every moment of their lives.

Pray that we will all understand the importance of doing things today and that with Your love and grace you will lead us to walk in Your will every day. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

Joshua chapter 10

Jo. 10:1 Now Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and were living near them.

Jo. 10:2 He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters.

Jo. 10:3 So Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon.

Jo. 10:4 “Come up and help me attack Gibeon,” he said, “because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites.”

Jo. 10:5 Then the five kings of the Amorites — the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon — joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it.

Jo. 10:6 The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.” Jo. 10:7 So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men.

Jo. 10:8 The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”

Jo. 10:9 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise.

Jo. 10:10 The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, who defeated them in a great victory at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah.

Jo. 10:11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky, and more of them died from the hailstones than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

Jo. 10:12 On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: “O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” Jo.

10:13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day.

Jo. 10:14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!

Jo. 10:15 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

Jo. 10:16 Now the five kings had fled and hidden in the cave at Makkedah.

Jo. 10:17 When Joshua was told that the five kings had been found hiding in the cave at Makkedah,

Jo. 10:18 he said, “Roll large rocks up to the mouth of the cave, and post some men there to guard it.

Jo. 10:19 But don’t stop! Pursue your enemies, attack them from the rear and don’t let them reach their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand.”

Jo. 10:20 So Joshua and the Israelites destroyed them completely — almost to a man — but the few who were left reached their fortified cities.

Jo. 10:21 The whole army then returned safely to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah, and no-one uttered a word against the Israelites.

Jo. 10:22 Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me.”

Jo. 10:23 So they brought the five kings out of the cave — the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon.

Jo. 10:24 When they had brought these kings to Joshua, he summoned all the men of Israel and said to the army commanders who had come with him, “Come here and put your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came forward and placed their feet on their necks.

Jo. 10:25 Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the

LORD will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.” Jo. 10:26 Then Joshua struck and killed the kings and hung them on five trees, and they were left hanging on the trees until evening.

Jo. 10:27 At sunset Joshua gave the order and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had been hiding. At the mouth of the cave they placed large rocks, which are there to this day.

Jo. 10:28 That day Joshua took Makkedah. He put the city and its king to the sword and totally destroyed everyone in it. He left no survivors. And he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Jo. 10:29 Then Joshua and all Israel with him moved on from Makkedah to Libnah and attacked it.

Jo. 10:30 The LORD also gave that city and its king into Israel’s hand. The city and everyone in it Joshua put to the sword. He left no survivors there. And he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

Jo. 10:31 Then Joshua and all Israel with him moved on from Libnah to Lachish; he took up positions against it and attacked it.

Jo. 10:32 The LORD handed Lachish over to Israel, and Joshua took it on the second day. The city and everyone in it he put to the sword, just as he had done to Libnah.

Jo. 10:33 Meanwhile, Hiram king of Gezer had come up to help Lachish, but Joshua defeated him and his army — until no survivors were left.

Jo. 10:34 Then Joshua and all Israel with him moved on from Lachish to Eglon; they took up positions against it and attacked it.

Jo. 10:35 They captured it that same day and put it to the sword and totally destroyed everyone in it, just as they had done to Lachish.

Jo. 10:36 Then Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron and attacked it.

Jo. 10:37 They took the city and put it to the sword, together with its king, its villages and everyone in it. They left no survivors. Just as at Eglon, they totally destroyed it and everyone in it. Jo. 10:38 Then Joshua and all Israel with him turned round and attacked Debir.

Jo. 10:39 They took the city, its king and its villages, and put them to the sword. Everyone in it they totally destroyed. They left no survivors. They did to Debir and its king as they had done to Libnah and its king and to Hebron.

Jo. 10:40 So Joshua subdued the whole region, including the hill country, the Negev, the western foothills and the mountain slopes, together with all their kings. He left no survivors. He totally destroyed all who breathed, just as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded.

Jo. 10:41 Joshua subdued them from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza and from the whole region of Goshen to Gibeon.

Jo. 10:42 All these kings and their lands Joshua conquered in one campaign, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.

Jo. 10:43 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

Chapter 10 tells the story of the Israelites' battles against the five Amorite kings who had formed an alliance to attack Gibeon. When the Gibeonites ask for help, Joshua leads the Israelites into battle, and God gives them a great victory. The Israelites chase the fleeing Amorites and God sends a hailstorm to kill more of them than the sword of the Israelites. As the day draws to a close, Joshua prays to God to make the sun and moon stand still, so that the Israelites can finish their victory over the Amorites. God answers Joshua's prayer, and the sun and moon stop in the sky, giving the Israelites the time they need to complete their conquest.

After the victory over the Amorites, the Israelites conquer several other cities in the area, including Jerusalem, which they capture and burn. The chapter ends with a list of the cities that the Israelites conquered during their campaign in the Promised Land. Chapter 10 emphasizes the power of God and the importance of prayer. The story shows that God can intervene in the affairs of humans and that He can perform miracles. It also emphasizes the importance of being obedient to God's commands, and the consequences of disobedience. Finally, the chapter shows that the Israelites were able to accomplish great things when they relied on God's power and guidance.

Joshua chapter 10 tells the story of Joshua's conquest of the southern kings of Canaan, including the famous account of the sun standing still. Here are some important verses from this chapter in the Christian Bible:

1. "The Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.'" (Joshua 10:8)

2. "On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: 'Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.'" (Joshua 10:12)

3. "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!" (Joshua 10:13-14)

4. "Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal." (Joshua 10:43) These verses demonstrate the power of the Lord to deliver His people and intervene in the natural world to accomplish His purposes. Joshua's faith and obedience to the Lord's command enabled him to lead the Israelites to a miraculous victory over their enemies. The account of the sun standing still is a remarkable example of the Lord's sovereignty over all creation and His willingness to listen to the prayers of His people. The chapter also shows the importance of following through on the Lord's commands and trusting in His provision and protection.

In Joshua chapter 10, we witness the miraculous victories of the Israelites over five Amorite kings. This chapter provides us with insights into the power of God's intervention, the faithfulness of His promises, and the importance of boldness and courage in our journey of faith.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the power of God's intervention on behalf of His people. The five Amorite kings form an alliance to attack the Gibeonites, who had made a treaty with the Israelites. Upon hearing of this, Joshua and the Israelite army march overnight to come to the aid of the Gibeonites. In response to Joshua's prayer, God intervenes by causing a hailstorm and extending the day, allowing the Israelites to achieve a great victory. This event demonstrates the overwhelming power of God to accomplish His purposes and deliver His people in the face of impossible odds.

The chapter also highlights the faithfulness of God's promises. Prior to the battle, God assures Joshua of His presence and victory over their enemies. He assures Joshua that He will not fail him or abandon him. The subsequent victory over the Amorite kings serves as a reminder that God is faithful to His promises and can be trusted to fulfill what He has declared.

Furthermore, the chapter emphasizes the importance of boldness and courage in our journey of faith. Joshua and the Israelite army demonstrate great courage as they march overnight and engage in battle against a formidable alliance of kings. Their boldness and trust in God's promises enable them to experience remarkable victories. This encourages us to be bold and courageous in facing the challenges and obstacles we encounter in our own lives, knowing that God is with us and fighting on our behalf.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 10 teaches us several important lessons. It highlights the power of God's intervention and His faithfulness to His promises. It reminds us that even in the face of overwhelming odds, we can trust in God's mighty hand to bring about victory in our lives.

Additionally, the chapter calls us to be bold and courageous in our journey of faith. It encourages us to step out in faith, trusting in God's guidance and promises, and not allowing fear or the seeming impossibility of the situation to hinder us.

Moreover, the chapter prompts us to rely on prayer and seek God's intervention in our battles. Just as Joshua prayed and sought God's assistance, we are invited to bring our needs before Him and trust in His power and provision.

Overall, Joshua chapter 10 teaches us about the power of God's intervention, the faithfulness of His promises, and the importance of boldness and courage. By reflecting on these lessons, we can find encouragement and inspiration in our own spiritual journey, knowing that God is with us and fights on our behalf.