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Chapter Six: *Conqueror*

Meeting God in the Old Testament

Joshua 6:1-8:22

More Scriptures

Joshua 1:1-9; Joshua 4:19-24; Psalm
144

After 40 years of wandering, the

children of Israel finally get their act

together and arrive on the east bank of the flooded Jordan. Across the river waits the promised land of Canaan. However, the land's already occupied by a numerous and warlike people that can rely on the protection of strongly fortified cities—a tall order for the descendants of ex-slaves. However, the Israelites have one big advantage—God.

Let's see what it means that the God of

Israel is also a Conqueror.

Questions: Joshua 6:1-8:22

1. If you were the commanding general of an ancient army and had to take a walled city, how would you go about doing it? List at least three different possible approaches. Feel free to steal ideas from *The Lord of the Rings*.



2. Does God's plan as described in Joshua 6:1-5 appear on your list of ideas? To our human logic, does it even seem like a GOOD plan? What does this tell us about God?

The Big Question

Why is God's nature as Conqueror important to us?

3. Why does God's plan work?
4. How well do things work for the Israelites WITHOUT God's help? Consider Joshua 7:2-5. What does this tell us?

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According to Joshua 7:1, who sinned? In Joshua 7:11, to whom does God attribute this sin? Why does God do this? What can we learn from God's reaction?

Why does God prescribe such a harsh punishment for Achan in Joshua 7:15? What should we take from God's judgment?

7. In Joshua 8:1, have the people actually taken Ai yet? Then why does God tell Joshua that He HAS given Ai into Joshua's hand? What does this tell us about what God's people must do to achieve victory?

Questions: Other Scriptures

1. Put yourself in Joshua's shoes in Joshua 1:5. Why is God's promise in that verse significant?
2. Why is the statement of Joshua 1:6 important to our understanding of God?

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3. In the middle of the warlike exhortation of Joshua 1:1-9, why does God bring up obedience to the law? What does this tell us about the nature of God's conquests?

4. What's the purpose of God's instructions in Joshua 4:19-24? What does this tell us about God?

5. In light of the rest of the Psalm, answer David's question in Psalm 144:3.

Questions: Application

1. Do we still need God as Conqueror in our lives today? Where?

2. How will we live differently if we understand this aspect of God's nature?

