

# The Gibeonites and God

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Background

## Leviticus 18:1-5 & 22-30

**What were the reasons listed here that God said He was casting out the people of Canaan?**  
Sexual immorality

## Deuteronomy 18:9-13

**What detestable things does God list here, that the people of the land of Canaan were doing?**  
Sacrificing their children to the gods  
Witchcraft  
Spiritists  
Sorcerers

## Deuteronomy 20:15-18

**Who were the nations doing all these detestable things for?**  
Their gods  
**What were the Israelites to do to those nations?**  
Completely destroy them

## Exodus 23:20-33

**Could they make a covenant with the people of the land and not kill them?**  
**Why did God want His people to completely drive them out?**

The Gibeonites

## Joshua Chapter 9

**Comments?**

**What do you think if these Gibeonites?**

**What was the first mistake Joshua and the leaders of the Israelites made?**  
They didn't ask God! (Verse 14)

**What do we learn about them AFTER they made that first mistake?**  
They kept their word even though it was not what God had told them to do

**How secure did they think the oath they had made was?**

Very, they thought God would bring wrath on them! (Verse 20)

**What do we learn about God from this passage? (Verse 24)**

**Joshua 10:1-4**

So Israel went out to fight for them...

**Joshua 10:11-13**

The Israelites kept their word!

Gibeonites later in Israel:

Some of David's might men

**1 Chronicles 12:1-4**

Ishmaiah the Gibeonite – Among the thirty and over the thirty

**Nehemiah 3:6 & 7**

Gibeonites returned with the exiles who returned to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem

God and the Gibeonites

**2 Samuel 21:1-6**

**What do we learn about God from this passage?**

God honored the oath that the leaders of Israel foolishly made with the Gibeonites!

**What can we learn from this story?**

Seek God first!

If we do make a mistake, don't add to it!

God notices our promises!

God is the perfect keeper of covenants!

God can work out His plan even when we blow it!

Closing prayer