

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**Text** : **Joshua 10: 1 – 15; 40-43**  
**Title** : **Man Proposes; God Disposes**

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## **I. Introduction**

- The failure of a brilliant military strategy.

## **II. The Mistakes and Opposition of Men**

- The mistake of making a peace treaty with the Gibeonites implicated the Israelites into the deep trouble of having to fight an Amorite coalition army (vv. 1-7).
- We often make mistakes and encounter opposition that seem to hinder God's work or undermine His purposes for us.

## **III. The Awe-Inspiring Power of God**

- God as the Divine Warrior who unleashed His awe-inspiring power against the enemies on Israel's behalf (vv. 8-11).
- The assurance of God's intervention should not lead to a fatalistic attitude toward prayer (vv.12-14).
- "Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief" – John Piper.

## **IV. The Overruling Providence of God**

- Although the peace treaty with the Gibeonite was a mistake, the subsequent defeat of the Amorite coalition army actually accelerated the conquering of the Promised Land (vv. 40-43).
- Divine providence means that God has a purpose in all that He does in the world and He governs or directs all things in order that they accomplish His purposes (cf. Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28).
- However, divine providence does not mean that we can be careless, irresponsible or ungodly in our actions and choices.
- "There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that sovereignty overrules them, and that sovereignty will sanctify them all" – Charles H. Spurgeon.

## **V. Conclusion**

- Man proposes; God disposes – no mistake or opposition can derail God's will and purposes because in His power and providence, He can even direct them to accomplish His purposes.