

SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Rev Ridge Orr

Text : **Joshua 9**

Title : **The Gibeonite Deception**

Introduction: The nations alarmed (vs. 1-2)

A. Gibeonite deception (vs. 3-13)

1. Deception in sight -- Is seeing believing?

2. Deception in word -- "*We are your servants...*" (vs.8, 9,11, 24)

B. Israel discovers her folly (vs.14-21)

1. The fallacy of trusting in our best judgments

2. Consequences to every choice

a. Issue #1: As Israel had not asked for guidance, they disobeyed God.

b. Issue #2: As the Gibeonites made a treaty on false premises, should the treaty be honored?

c. Issue #3: As Israel kept her oath to the Gibeonites, were the punitive measures they gave a fair consequence?

C. Gibeonite life-long submission (vs. 22-27)

1. Under a "curse" - never to cease to serve (vs.21, 23, 27)

2. "The Big Picture" - God's mercy granted