

FROM DECEPTION TO REDEMPTION

Text: Joshua 9:1-12:24

Deception is everywhere, in the news, in our government in our society and even in the church. It is in the form of lies. Nobody is exempted to it. It could be an act or statement which misleads and hides the truth or idea that is not true, a lie.

Jesus told us in John 8:44 ...the devil, ... he is a liar and the father of lies.

Since Satan has no more power over us Christians because Christ defeated him already at the cross, his job now is to deceive God's children, us, as he did to Joshua. Unfortunately, this great Old Testament leader made a mistake, a decision that was irreversible. However, because of God's mercy and grace, the deception was turned into redemption.

Discussion Questions:

1. When was the last time we experienced or fall in the trap of deception?
2. How did you discover that you were deceived? What is your initial reaction?
3. What action did you do to the person in response to what he did?
4. As we learned the cause of deception is negligence or the inability to inquire of God, what plan of action are we going to do to avoid this trap?
5. The story of Joshua and the Israelites is a showcase of how God has blessed his people. What God's principle did we learn today? What plan of action are we going to do to claim His promises?