

## The Price of Prayerlessness

Joshua 9

- I. *If we are deceived, we will make bad decisions: The Deception of the Gibeonites (Joshua 9:1-13).*

Principles

1. After times of spiritual victory we can become complacent, self-assured and spiritually negligent.
2. We are easily deceived when someone flatters us.
3. Just because someone seems godly and sincere does not mean that we should make spiritual alliances with them.

- II. *When we don't pray, we make bad decisions: The response of Joshua and the other leaders (Joshua 9:14-15).*

Principles

1. If we don't plan to always pray we will forget to pray.
2. God will give us wisdom if we seek it from Him instead of human sources.
3. The majority of good godly people can still be wrong if they don't pray for wisdom.

- III. *When we don't pray, we must live with the consequences of bad decisions: Israel must live with their agreement (Joshua 9:16-26).*

Principles

1. When we agree to do something, we have live with our agreements even if they were ill-advised.
2. God can sovereignly bless people in spite of bad decisions.