



NEW ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

HELP IS ON THE WAY

Sermon Study Guide

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Summary

Jabesh-gilead was surrounded by Nahash the Ammonite and pressured to accept humiliating terms. The elders asked for seven days and sent messengers throughout Israel.

When the message reached Saul, the Spirit of God came upon him. Saul summoned Israel, organized the people, and sent word back that help would arrive by the heat of the next day.

The passage teaches that God can mobilize help before the threatened person can see it. Pressure does not get the final word, and a present crisis does not cancel God's ability to deliver.

Study note: This guide follows the confirmed sermon title and scripture text and does not present unverified wording as a verbatim transcript.

Detailed Notes

1. Pressure Can Make Bad Terms Look Acceptable

Nahash tried to use desperation to force disgraceful conditions.

2. Send for Help

The elders did not suffer silently; they sent messengers throughout Israel.

3. God Can Put the Right Burden on the Right Person

The Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard the people's need.

4. Deliverance Requires Unity

The people came together as one for the rescue.

5. Help May Be Moving Before You Can See It

The promise of 1 Samuel 11:9 gave hope before the battle had even begun.

6. Faith Moves With Strategy

Saul organized the people and acted decisively in the morning watch.

7. God Can Scatter What Once Looked Strong

The Ammonites were broken and scattered.

Life Application

- Do not make permanent agreements because of temporary pressure.
- Reach out when you need help.

- Ask whether someone else's need is becoming your assignment.
- Protect unity in times of crisis.
- Trust God even before circumstances visibly change.
- Be ready to act when God opens the way.

Memory Verse

"To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help." - 1 Samuel 11:9 (KJV)

Prayer

Lord, keep us from surrendering to fear. Give us wisdom, unity, courage, and faith to trust that You can send help at the right time. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Study Questions

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What humiliating condition did Nahash demand?

- A. Thrust out every man's right eye
- B. Leave Jabesh for seven years
- C. Give away all their cattle
- D. Stop speaking to Israel

2. How much time did the elders ask for?

- A. Seven days
- B. One month
- C. Three years
- D. One hour

3. What happened to Saul when he heard the news?

- A. The Spirit of God came upon him
- B. He left Israel
- C. He surrendered
- D. He ignored it

4. What promise was sent back to Jabesh?

- A. By the heat of the next day they would have help
- B. They would fight alone
- C. They should surrender
- D. No one would come

5. What happened to the Ammonites?

- A. They were scattered
- B. They captured Israel
- C. They joined Saul
- D. They stayed together and won

Personal Reflection

Write one way you will apply this lesson this week.

Answer Key: 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A, 5-A