**KILLING KINGS**

**Joshua 10:14-27**

[**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-14/)**And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.** [**15**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-15/)**And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.** [**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-16/)**But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.**

[**17**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-17/)**And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.** [**18**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-18/)**And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:** [**19**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-19/)**And stay ye not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.** [**20**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-20/)**And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities.** [**21**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-21/)**And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.** [**22**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-22/)**Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.** [**23**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-23/)**And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.** [**24**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-24/)**And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.**

[**25**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-25/)**And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed *(shattered, scared)*, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.** [**26**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-26/)**And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.** [**27**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-27/)**And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.**

**INTRO:**

**(Note: Preach the Story!)**

**\*\*We all have some kings in our life that need to be killed!**

**\*\*Some of us face those kings cause their running around causing us problems, and some of us got some kings that the Lord has already put in the cave that He is going to kill one day!**

**\*\*Who are some of these kings in our lives that need to be killed and will be killed for the child of God one day?**

**1. The King of Transgression will be hung one day!**

**2. The King of Temptation will be hung one day!**

**3. The King of Trials will be hung one die!**

**4. The King of Tears will be hung one day!**

**5. The King of Termination will be hung one day!
Illustration: Joshua is a type of Christ, and one day Jesus is going to call for the warriors and say, “Put your feet on the neck of that King of Transgression, Temptation, Trials, Tears, Termination, while I beat it to death.” Then He’ll hang it and bury it in the darkness of hell’s cave!**

**WE CAN SEE KINGS KILLED BECAUSE . . .**

**I. WE HAVE A COMMAND TO FOLLOW**

**\*\*Joshua told them from the very beginning to obey his commands because his commands came from the Lord!**

**Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:**

**\*\*In Joshua 10, we see Joshua gave some commands that had to be carried out in order to kill these kings! (v-22, 24)**

**\*\*If the kings in your life get killed, you have got to follow some commands that Jesus gives you in His precious word!
John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
 A. THERE’S A COMMAND TO PROGRESS**

**To Make Progress, You Must . . .**

 **1. Go Forward**

**Exodus 14:15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:**

**\*\*Go forward and War against the kings and Win against the kings.
 2. Go Forget
Philippians 3:13b “but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,”**

**\*\*You won’t kill kings if you try staying in the Wilderness, or Wickedness, or Worldliness!**

 **3. Go Forth**

**Philippians 3:13c -14 13 . . .and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

**\*\*Go forth and let God Battle those kings and Beat those kings and Butcher those kings.**

 **B. THERE’S A COMMAND TO POSSESS**

 **1. Possess a Promised Land**

**Joshua 10:40, 42** [**40**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-40/)**So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.** [**42**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-42/)**And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.**

**\*\*Being a Christian is all about following God’s commands and doing what He says to do so that all these carnal kings get killed and you can live in peace where God wants you!**

 **2. Possess a Promised Life
I Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.**

**\*\*Being a Christian means you are in a fight that requires faith, and you cannot depart from it.**

**\*\* If you depart from the faith, as some have, you won’t see the kings in your life get killed. Instead, you will see the kings in life kill you!!**

**\*\*Pretty soon they will not only kill you, they will kill your family and your friends as well, but there’s a better life – a promised life if you will “Fight the good fight of faith.”
 C. THERE’S A COMMAND TO PERFORM**

 **1. Be a Doer of the Word**

**James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

**\*\*This fight is a fixed fight! Don’t be a sissy! Do what God’s word tells you to do, and He will kill the kings!**

 **2. Be a Doer of the Work**

**James 1:25 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

**\*\*God expects us to do something in this battle, and every command we are to follow in order to get these kings killed in our life is right there in the Holy Bible!**

**\*\*WE CAN SEE KINGS KILLED BECAUSE. . . .**

**II. WE HAVE A COURAGE THAT’S FEARLESS**

**Joshua 10:25 [25](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-25/%22%20%5Co%20%22Joshua%2010%3A25%20KJV%20verse%20detail)And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.**

**Joshua 1:9 Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:**

**Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.**

**\*\*Killing kings is not for cowards or for the cowardly lion!
 A. WE’RE FEARLESS BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROTECTION**

 **1. He can Protect us against Man**

**Joshua 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.**

 **2. He can Protect us against Multitudes**

**Illustration: In II Kings 6 Elisha and his servant were being threaten and the servant said, “How shall we do?” Elisha said, “Open his eyes Lord,” and there was a mountain full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha and the servant!**

 **3. He can Protect against Misfortunes
Psalms 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.**

**\*\*If you don’t get some good courage, then you will sit there and get killed by kings instead of getting kings killed in your life!**

 **B. WE’RE FEARLESS BECAUSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Joshua 1:5c “as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”
 1. His Presences Brings Peace – Not Fear!
Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.**

**\*\*Everywhere God went, Israel went, and everywhere Israel went God went; and they were killing kings!
 2. His Presences Brings Pleasure – Not Fear!
Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

**\*\*Some politician would get upset with Joshua, Israel, and God for killing every king they came to that was inhabiting God’s promised land. They would want summits, negotiations, and peace treaties!**

**\*\*Pleasure will not last and is only for a season when you negotiate with those wicked kings in your life! You got to make sure the kings get killed in order to have the pleasure of the Lord! Be fearless and hold the kings down so God can kill them!**

 **C. WE’RE FEARLESS BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISE**

**\*\*The Lord offers . . .**

 **1. No Failure through His Promises
I Kings 8:56 there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.**

**\*\*When God promises to kill kings, He does it!
 2. Never-ending Faithfulness through His Promises
Lamentations 3:22-23 22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.**

**\*\*We must be fearless to get these kings killed in our lives!**

 **\*\*WE CAN SEE KINGS KILLED BECAUSE. . . .**

**III. WE HAVE A COMPANION THAT FIGHTS**

**Joshua 1:9 for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

**Joshua 10:42** [**42**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Joshua-10-42/)**And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.
 A. HE IS A POWERFUL COMPANION**

**Psalms 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.**

 **1. He has Power to Redeem and kill kings.
 2. He has Power to Resurrect and kill kings.**

 **3. He has Power to Return and kill kings.**

 **4. He has Power to Rebuke and kill kings.**

 **5. He has Power to Retaliate and kill kings.**

 **B. HE IS A PERSONAL COMPANION**

**Joshua 1:9 for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. -“with thee” means it is personal!
Psalms 118:28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.**

**\*\*If God was not with us personally in this fight, then no kings would be killed!**

**\*\*He will fight for us personally in our Day, our Duties, our Devastations, our Diseases, and in our Death!**

**\*\*Yes we may go through many tough battles personally, but the Lord will be by our side personally. And at the end of the day, the end of this life, all the kings will be killed and we will live forevermore in God’s promised land!**

 **C. HE IS A PERMANENT COMPANION**

**Joshua 1:9 for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (That sounds permanent to me!)
Matthew 28:20 and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**\*\*Stick with His Will, His Wisdom, and His Walk, and He’ll be with you whithersoever thou goest, and every problematic king that gets in your way He will kill for you one day!**

**\*\*Thank God we have a companion that is the King of kings and who fights for us and is our king killer!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*There are kings in your life today that you face every day, and as long as you live in this ole world there will always be some kind of battle with some kings.**

**\*\*I’m wondering if there are some kings in your life right now today that you need the Lord to kill for you?**

**\*\*I believe the Lord wants to kill some kings in your life if you would only ask Him to do it!**

**\*\*Perhaps it’s a certain transgression, a certain temptation, a certain trial, a certain trouble, a certain tension, or a certain threat that you need King Jesus to come along and kill that wicked king in your life!**

**\*\*I’m thankful I can say that the Lord has killed some kings in my life and in my lifetime!**

**\*\* There’s also some kings that haven’t been killed yet in my life, but one day He’s going to say, “Put your feet on the neck of this ole king that has given you trouble all your life while I beat the devil out of him, hang him and kill him for you!”**

**\*\*I’m so glad there is a promise land for God’s children and the only king there will be King Jesus! No more of these little kings will ever give us any trouble again cause they will all have been conquered and killed by King Jesus!**

**\*\*There will never ever be any more sin, sorrow, or suffering because all those kings will be dead!**

**\*\*Come let Jesus kill some kings in your life today!**