

JOSHUA 10:12 - "Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."

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STANDING ON THE PROMISES - Russell Carter – Maranatha Singers

1 Standing on the promises of Christ the King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

3 Standing on the promises I now can see Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me; Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free, Standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

4 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

The Biblical Setting: - When the king of Jerusalem, Adoni-Zedek heard how Joshua had defeated Jericho and Ai, utterly destroying them, and heard that the Gibeonites had made peace with Israel, he was greatly afraid. *Deu 2:25* *This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'* Therefore he contacted Hoham, king of Hebron; Piram, king of Jarmuth; Japhia, king of Lachish and Debir, king of Eglon, saying, "Come up and help me that we may attack Gibeon, who made peace with Joshua. So the five kings gathered together, went up with all their armies and camped before Gibeon and made war against it. The Gibeonites called for Joshua to help them and Joshua responded by marching all night up to Gibeon. There the LORD routed them with a great slaughter, chasing them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. As they fled before Israel on the descent of Beth Horon, the LORD cast down large hailstones as far as Azekah and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the Israelites killed with the sword.



Joshua Chapter 10:8 *And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you."* How the LORD encouraged Joshua before the battle! Going up against five kings now. So far, it's been one city at a time, **now there are five of the major cities** that And God says, "Don't be afraid, Joshua: I have delivered them into your hand." So again, **this is stepping out and possessing that which God has promised already.** Even as **God has given us so many glorious promises that are just waiting for us to claim, waiting for us to**

possess. There is so much for us in the Christian walk, **there are victories for us in our Christian walk that are just waiting for us to go in and lay claim.** Even as God said to Joshua, *“Every place your put your foot, I have given that to you as your possession.”*

v. 9 There are times **when being in the perfect will of God, we must act quickly and endure hardships** in securing His victory. The army had to march all night, over 20 miles, climbing more than 3,000 feet in elevation. **Have you experienced times when you know it was time to stop primarily praying and begin action?**

v. 10 We see here **another example of victory following obedience.** So the LORD routed them, giving them a great slaughter of the enemy at Gibeon and chased them toward Beth Horon.

v. 11 As the enemies were descending from Gibeon, the LORD joined the battle and rained down large hailstones, which caused more fatal casualties than those killed by the sword. Notice how **the hail only hits the enemy. What an aim!** Also the god of the enemy, Baal, was supposed to be over nature and the weather. **What a defeat by our God!** *Rev. 16:21* God uses the “stoning” of the enemy, with the hail, as punishment for blasphemy! What demonstration of power and the timing of our LORD!

v. 12 Joshua realizes that although the battle is going great, **there is more enemy to be killed than there is daylight.** So he makes this public prayer:

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Is there anything too hard for God?

vs. 13-14 *Jos 10:13* *So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.* The Bible teaches us **that God can add the supernatural, necessary to accomplish what He calls us to do!** Here we see one of the greatest miracles in all the Bible! It seems He is messing with the whole universe to accomplish this miracle. Great spiritual lesson here. God will provide or do whatever it takes! **Can you think back and see supernatural things that He has done in your life?**

v. 15 Following this victory, Joshua and the army went back to Gilgal.

v. 16-18 Joshua a great leader, has the priority. He realizes the defeat of the enemy is first and that the LORD has deliver the kings into his hand. He encloses the cave where the five kings were hiding, preventing them from escaping back to their cities and had the army continue to battle, making an end of slaying with a great slaughter.

vs. 19-20 By putting the kings on hold, **Joshua purses the enemy and is given a great victory!**

SUMMARY: Joshua’s steps of victory!:

- 1. Believing His word (vs.8) –**
- 2. 3,000 specific promises in the Bible? Some say 5,000?**
- 3. Doing his best! Faith without works is dead! Joshua made the march! Lord, I’ll march all night, if necessary!**
- 4. Joshua calls on God! (vs. 12) – without Me you can do nothing**
- 5. Speak in faith! (vs. 12-13) – Sun stand still! “confess with your mouth” “Mountain, be removed” why not? Fear not!**
- 6. Our God is an awesome God!**

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