

## **Scripture Reading: Joshua 6 – 12**

### **Did God so love the world...?**

From the 6th to the 12th chapter of Joshua we see how God gave into the hands of Israel the Amorites, the Hittites, the Jebusites, the city of Ai and many other people of that land. In a few places, God had permitted them to kill even the women, children and the aged. Even in the wilderness God had permitted them to kill all the Amalekites, Moabites, Midianites and the people of many others nations.

### **Question:**

Does God show partiality? Did he hate all others except the Israelites?

### **Answer:**

The bible says, God is love and there is no partiality in Him. If that is true, then why did He help just the Israelites? In the days of Noah, God destroyed the entire world saving the family of Noah. The people there had given themselves over to sin and wickedness was over all the face of the earth. God had raised up for Himself a Holy generation through Noah. The devil wanted to mess up this plan and once again get the world destroyed completely by the hands of God.

It was at this time that Abraham believed in God and understood His heart's desire. God chose Abraham for Himself and made his generation as an example for others. When we keenly observe, in those 500 years, God punished the Israelites many a times and gave the others an opportunity to repent after they had seen the mighty deeds of God. Though many had repented, the bible speaks of just a few people like Rahab the prostitute and Ruth the Moabite women.

As we have seen, all those who accepted the Lords Jesus Christ were made the children of the Almighty irrespective of who they were, how can we then say that God is discriminatory?

You know the answer!

"Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear." 1 Peter 1:17

### **Prayer**

We desire to live a Godly life and reveal the character of Jesus. Father, help us to raise up a generation that is Holy and zealous in faith. Amen