

Joshua 9:1-27 – “Why Did You Deceive Us, Saying You Live Far Away?”

- Introduction: Who are “church people?”
- Central Theme: In building His kingdom, God saves *humble* “outsiders.”
- Four characteristics of the humble “outsiders” God saves:
 1. They revere His Name.
 - ✓ Numbers 21:21-35; Exodus 23:31b-32; Deuteronomy 7:2, 20:10-18
 2. They renounce His rivals.
 - ✓ Joshua 10:2, 11:19, 10:3-4; 2 Corinthians 6:12-16a; Deuteronomy 29:10-15; Psalm 84:10-12
 3. They respect His people.
 - ✓ Numbers 27:21; Ephesians 4-6, esp. 4:1-3
 4. They remain His possession.
 - ✓ 2 Samuel 21; Psalm 15:1-2; Ezra 2:25; Nehemiah 3:7, 7:25