

Still the Same God: Remember the Deceptive God? (Joshua 8:30–9:27).

Stating the obvious.

1. Stating the obvious: Yahweh is your God (8:30–35)

a) Israel successful because of Yahweh.

Deut 27–30. Blessing and curse

b) Choose life

Deut 30:15–20. Choose life.

Deut 31:16–17. God knows Israel will break covenant.

2. How to tell a good lie (9:1–21)

a) Play the part (vv.1–5)

b) Know your client (vv.6–8)

Deut 20:11. Distant city.

c) Tell a half-truth (vv.9–14)

d) Provide proof of the claim

Let them live.

3. Yahweh incorporates a good lie in His cosmic plan (9:22–27)

Genesis 3:1–7. Satan's good lie.

a) Gibeonites are servants.

Ps 84:10. Better a day in Yahweh's courts.

b) Gibeonites are cursed.

Gal 3:13–14. Curse from the law.

c) Gibeonites deceive.

Heb 3:13. Deceitfulness of sin.

d) Gibeonites are from the nations.

You are now family.

Discussion questions.

1. Why can't we deceive God? Have you tried?
2. Why does God let us live? What does it tell us about God?