

Joshua 10:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The testimony—'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'—emphasizes the miracle's uniqueness and divine initiative. God's hearkening to human prayer shows covenant intimacy—He responds to His people's requests. Yet the conclusion—'the LORD fought for Israel'—ensures recognition that victory came through divine power, not human prayer manipulating God. Prayer releases God's power but doesn't control it. He fights for His people.

Historical Context

This battle's significance extended beyond military victory—it demonstrated God's commitment to defend Israel and execute judgment on Canaanites. The five-king coalition represented major opposition to Israel's conquest, making their defeat crucial. The earlier hailstone miracle (verse 11, killing more than swords) combined with extended daylight showed comprehensive divine intervention. Such demonstrations of God's power served both practical (victory) and theological (testimony to His sovereignty) purposes.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you balance confidence in prayer with recognition that God's sovereignty, not prayer, controls outcomes?
2. What battles in your life require trusting that the LORD fights for you?

Interlinear Text

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		And there was no day		like that before	it or after	
לִשְׁמָעַ H8085	יְהוָה ה H3068	בְּקוֹל H6963	אִישׁ H376	כִּי י H3588	יְהוָה ה H3068	נִלָּחַם H3898
hearkened	for the LORD	unto the voice	of a man		for the LORD	fought
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל: for Israel H3478						

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 1:30 (References Lord): The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

Exodus 14:14 (References Lord): The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Joshua 10:42 (References Lord): And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

Joshua 23:3 (References Lord): And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

Isaiah 38:8 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Luke 17:6 (References Lord): And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

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