

# Judges 20:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the sunrising.

## Analysis

Verse 43 details the aftermath of Benjamin's defeat. Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gibeah toward... The systematic destruction of Benjamin's territory represents the tragic outcome when civil war erupts among God's people—victory comes at devastating cost to the covenant community.

## Historical Context

This verse describes the thorough nature of Benjamin's military defeat and the subsequent destruction of their tribal territory following the ambush strategy blessed by God after Israel's proper consultation.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

1. How do victories that come after proper seeking of God still carry tragic costs?

2. What does this reveal about the consequences of civil conflict among God's people?
3. How can righteous judgments escalate beyond their proper scope?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Thus they inclosed</b> H3803	אַת H853	אֶת H1144	<b>and chased</b> H7291	<b>with ease</b> H4496
<b>them and trode them down</b> H1869	הַדְרִיכָּה H5704	עַד H5227	<b>over against</b> H5227	<b>Gibeath</b> H1390
<b>שָׁמֶשׁ:</b> H8121				<b>מִמֶּזְבֵּחַ</b> <b>toward the sunrising</b> H4217

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