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The Word Of The Day

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Haste Makes Waste

The Lord
May Return
At Any Time!
Are You
Ready?

Hasted is the word of the day. Definition — *the act of hurrying in a careless or rash manner* *The word was given in a story from God's Word about **The Battle Of Ai***

Joshua 8:3 KJV So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

Ai was a small city, about 15 miles west of the river Jordan, After the miracle crossing of the Jordan river, and the miracle defeat of Israel's enemy at Jericho, Ai was considered an easy victory. The plan of attack was to fool the men of Ai into thinking that Israel (5000 men) would run from battle, thus Ai's men would follow Israel leaving the city of Ai open for attack, from the rear, by 30,000 men of Israel.

Joshua 8:4-7 KJV And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: (5) And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them, (6) (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them. (7) Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

The plan worked well and Ai fell to the hand of Israel.

Joshua 8:14 KJV And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they **hasted** and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city.

Joshua 8:25-26 KJV And so it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai. (26) For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

For the whole story of the defeat of Ai, read **Joshua 8:3-29**.

There is an old saying **Haste make Waste. BUT — Jesus put it this way:**

Luke 14:31-32 KJV (31) **Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? (32) Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace.**

The King of Ai went up in HASTE with 12,000, against 35,000 from Israel. **(In this case—He thought they were only 5000 from Israel, — A case of something that is — Too Good To Be True)** This is what you might expect from an unbeliever in Christ. But God has given those who trust in Him, an edge. That edge is, the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14-16 KJV For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Children of God both can and may be led by the unseen Hand of God. We should be able to avoid things that ensnare other people. We should be led to the best things. We should not think in terms earthly goals, but in eternal goals. Our families ought to be heads above this world's system. We should be conscious of the eternal state of our lost friends and neighbors.