

# Joshua 9

**Day 37:**

A group of meerkats are standing in a grassy field, looking alertly. A cat is standing among them, also on its hind legs, mimicking the meerkats' posture. The scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment with tall grass and a clear sky.

**They still do not suspect  
I am a mere cat.**



The Israelites sampled their provisions **but did not enquire of the Lord**. Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath. Three days after they made the treaty with the Gibeonites, the Israelites heard that they were neighbours, living near them  
Josh 9: 14-16



Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and lean not on  
your own understanding; In  
all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths  
straight Prov 3: 5-6



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
SEEK THE  
LORD**





The whole assembly grumbled against the leaders, but all the leaders answered, 'we have given them our oath by the Lord, the God of Israel, and we cannot touch them now. This is what we will do to them: we will let them live, so that God's wrath will not fall on us for breaking the oath we swore to them.' They continued, 'Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water-carriers in the service of the whole assembly.' So the leaders' promise to them was kept.

## Deuteronomy 23:23

Whatever your lips utter you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely to the Lord your God with your own mouth

It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, 'My vow was a mistake.' Why should God be angry with what you say and destroy the work of your hands?  
ECC 5:6

