

PEOPLE OF PROMISE:

JOSHUA 8

I. The Importance Of Renewing Covenants.

- A. The Altar.
A place of intimacy and submission. (Ex. 20:22-24)
- B. The Burnt Offering. (Ex. 29:38-46; Lev. 1:6-8)
A voluntary offering of devotion, commitment, and general atonement.
- C. The Fellowship offering. (Lev. 3)
A voluntary offering of thanksgiving and communion.

II. The Law And The Believer.

- A. Israel was commanded to read the Law and write its blessing and curses on Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim. (Deut. 11:26-32)
- B. All people dwelling with Israel, including the young were to hear the reading of the Law. (Josh. 8:35)
- C. Keeping the Law determined if they would possess the land and remain in the land. (Is. 1:19-20)

III. The Believer And The Law.

- A. The Law is the expression of God's will: we must keep it. (Mt. 5:18-19; 23:23; I Co. 7:19)
- B. The Law cannot save us. (Ga. 3:10; I John 1:8-9)
- C. Grace speaks of access to God, favor from God for nothing, acceptance from God, and God's empowerment. (Rom. 3:22-24; 5:1-2; Eph. 1:3-8; 2:8-10)
- D. There are still consequences for disobedience for the believer who resists God's will. (Rom. 6:1-2, 21, 23; Ga. 5:13-15; 6:7-9)
- E. Possessing God's promises is directly tied to aligning myself to God's nature and will revealed in the Law. Sowing and reaping is a law I cannot escape.

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I. God Works On The Hearts Of _____ On Our Behalf (Josh. 5:1)

II. The Meaning Of The Circumcision At Gilgal. (Josh. 5:2-12)

- A. Circumcision was the sign of consecration and covenant to the Lord.
- B. Israel had not celebrated the Passover for 39 years. They were now going to celebrate it in the land God was giving them.
 - 1. Under judgment in the wilderness.
 - 2. God was bringing them blessing of new life.
- C. They had to be circumcised to participate in the Passover. (Ex. 12:48)
- D. God wanted to remove the reproach of Egypt. (Josh. 5:9)
Reproach = That God would not be able to fulfill His plan. (Deut. 9:28)
- E. God made them vulnerable in enemy territory. (II Co. 12:9)

III. What Is The Lesson For Me?

- A. God requires that our heart be open to the surgery of His _____. (Col. 2:11-12; Ro. 2:29)
 - 1. Repentance
 - 2. Baptism
- B. The provision of the cross is for those who have _____ their _____ to God. (Acts 22:16)
- C. We will not move forward to possess our inheritance without proper _____. (Heb. 6:1-3)
- D. God will _____ what He started in us even though He has taken us through His dealings. (Phil. 1:6)

IV. There Are Seasons When God Changes The Means Of How He Provides.

(Josh. 5:11-12)

- A. Manna = Supernatural provision to _____ and to _____.
- B. Sowing/Reaping = The kingdom principle by which God brings _____ _____. (Deut. 11:10-15)

V. We Must Fight God's Battles And Allow God To Fight For Us. (Josh. 5:13-15)

- A. We must know our _____. (Josh. 5:13-14)
 - 1. God is not on our side fighting our battles.
 - 2. We must be on God's side fighting His battles.
- B. Fighting God's battles comes out of an encounter with the Lord. (Josh. 5:15)
- C. He had to fight by following God's _____. (Josh. 6:2-3)

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I. Jericho: A Demonic Stronghold. (Josh. 6:1)

- A. Jericho = Moon City
- B. The center for the worship of the moon-god.
- C. God's victory over _____ in our lives is a must before we possess our inheritance. (Acts 19:18-19)

II. Victory At Jericho Required Prophetic Instructions. (Josh. 6:2-3)

III. It Was The Lord Himself Who Conquered Jericho. (Josh. 6:4-16)

- A. Trumpets = Announce that God is going to do something. (Josh. 6:4; Rev. 8-9)
- B. Trumpets melted the hearts of the enemy.
- C. The Ark = It was the presence of God laying siege to the city. (Josh. 6:6-16)
- D. The Shout = The joyful acknowledgement of God's victory. (Josh. 6:4)
- E. Seven = Completeness. God's complete victory. (Josh. 6:15-16) The city was to be completely destroyed. (Josh. 6:24)
- F. Seventh Day = Sabbath rest. (Josh. 6:15)

IV. The City And Its Riches Were Devoted To The Lord. (Josh. 6:17-19)

- A. The city was devoted to destruction. (Lev. 27:29)
- B. Jericho was the first fruits of the land; therefore, the treasures of the city belonged to the Lord. (Josh. 6:19)
- C. Jericho was a memorial to God's judgment. (Josh. 6:26)

V. What Is The Lesson For Me?

- A. There is no victory without obedience.
 - 1. Obedience to the _____.
 - 2. Obedience to the _____ word.
- B. God will bring judgment on _____ in our life.
- C. God wants us to experience _____ over sin and Satan.
- D. The _____ of His _____ that gives us victory.
- E. God wants to bring victory from a position of _____ and _____.
- F. We must fight God's battles, not ask God to for battles _____.

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I. Ai And Achan: Is Covetousness All That Bad?

- A. Achan committed three sins.
 - 1. He embraced what God had judged. (Josh. 7:10-11, 21; 6:17-19)
 - 2. He stole possessions which belonged to the house of God. (Josh. 6:19; 7:11)
 - 3. He coveted what was forbidden. (Josh. 7:21)
 - Covet = An intense inner desire that motivates to please oneself at the expense of God's honor and the welfare of others. (Ex. 20:17)
 - 4. He covered it up: he lied. (Josh. 7:11, 22)
- B. Achan forfeited his inheritance for temporary self-pleasure. (I Co. 10:6-10)

II. What Do I Learn From This?

- A. God judges sin. (I Co. 11:29-30)
- B. I must value my inheritance over selfish pleasure. (Heb. 12:16-17)
- C. I must put to death my inner desire for wrong. (Ex. 20:17; Rom. 7:8; 8:13)
- D. I must recognize that my sin affects the church and my family. (Josh. 7:11, 24)
- E. Judgment comes to the believer who keeps for himself what belongs to God.
(Prov. 3:9; Mal. 3:8-10)
- F. God exposes sin. (Josh. 7:16-20)
- G. Victory comes through true repentance. (Josh. 8)