

Joshua – Lesson 43: Stay On The Path Of Success – In Between Joshua Chapters 21 and 22

Romans 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Did we learn our lesson? Study Questions from lesson 42 (Success in God's eyes)

1. According to Joshua 20:7-8, what six cities were named as 'cities of refuge'?
Answer: Kedesh, Shechem, Hebron, Bezer, Ramoth and Golan.
2. According to Matthew 17:20, what is the faith of a believer capable of?
*Answer: **Ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***
3. According to Deuteronomy 19:3, how did God ensure a 'city of refuge' could be reached?
*Answer: **Thou shalt prepare thee a way (routes had to be established).***
4. According to 1 John 5:12, how is mankind held accountable for belief in Christ?
*Answer: **He that hath not the Son of God hath not life (to deny Christ is to condemn self).***
5. Complete the following scripture:

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt **confess** with thy **mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine **heart** that God hath **raised** him from the **dead**, thou shalt be saved.

True / False

False A city of refuge is only for the children of Israel. (JOS 20:9)

False All six cities of refuge are west of the Jordan River. (JOS 20:7-8)

False A murderer may stay in their home town to plead their case and be heard. (JOS 20:9)

True The believer's primary role is to witness. (ACTS 1:8)

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"In the house of trust, you keep a promise and you add a single brick. Break a promise and lose a wall."
— An anonymous source (S.M.H. 2012)

- Kept promises are the foundation of trust (as a home, built one piece at a time).
- When trust is broken, all past promises are pointless (destruction comes in a moment).

Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith

- The truth of God is based on kept promises, not fables, or stories designed by men. God merits our trust.

Joshua 21 and 22 Summary

Chapter 21 – Appointment of the Levitical cities: Promises fulfilled

- Towns/suburbs to the Levites as promised by Moses (NUM 35:1-8)

Joshua 21:41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

- o Divided to each tribe, to include grazing land for their livestock

- Levites to serve as priests, teachers of God's law, and pastors.
 - o People need a local method of worship to help each other stay on the right path.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ

- o The believer is encouraged to make themselves available for the benefit of each other

Joshua 21:44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

- o The success of the children of Israel is complete – The inheritance is secure

Joshua 21:45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

- o The promise of God is fulfilled to the children of Israel – To have their inheritance (a sanctified homeland)

- **The believer can look to some of the promises of God:**

- o A new creature (born of water, born again in the Spirit - ***DONE***
2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- o God (the Holy Spirit) within you - ***DONE***
1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- o Eternal life (no one can take it away) - ***DONE***
John 10:28 *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand*
- o A glorified body (never sick, or diminished) that will last forever – ***To be fulfilled***
1 Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- o To be in the presence of the LORD– ***To be fulfilled***
John 14:3 *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

As the LORD is true to His promise, He is to be glorified

- o **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – Bought with a price** (we are indebted to God)
(19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
(20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
 - Out of gratitude, the believer should seek to not only align with God, but to credit our LORD with or new life
- o **Matthew 5:16** Let your light *so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

- The primary method of glorifying our LORD is not through pontificating, but following his commandments

Chapter 22 – The tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh are released from service to return to their inheritance on the other side of Jordan.

Joshua 22:5 – Joshua ending his ministry with a word of caution

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

- The children of Israel, the believer (All humanity) has a priority given by God:
 - Deuteronomy 6:5** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
 - Direct from God, as the first commandment
 - Matthew 22:37** Jesus said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*
 - **Reiterated by Christ, the Son of God (God come in the flesh)**

Joshua 22:10-12 – Conflict at the onset

(10) And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

- **Leviticus 17:8-9**
 - (8)** And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,
 - (9)** And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.
 - God established one place to worship, with no provision for any other site – All must come to Him
- John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
 - Biblical truth is reinforced in Christ – There is only one path to the Father (not many)

(11) And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

- Regardless of the innocent intent, this second ‘alter’ is immediately seen as blasphemous

(12) And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

- The rest of the children of Israel prepare for war against their brothers
- Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest went and found it was a memorial (witness) between them that the LORD is God (28, 34)

Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

- The believer is encouraged to not define each other based on their flaws, but have the spirit of forgiveness
- Matthew 6:12** *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

The believer has a challenge to act in love – even when it seems like there is no love in this world.

Next Lesson: Joshua – Staying on the path of success

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Study Questions

1. According to Joshua 21:41, how many Levitical cities were established?

2. According to Galatians 6:2, what fulfils the law of Christ?

3. According to Joshua 21:44, who remained to stand against the children of Israel?

4. According to Joshua 22:10, why were the children of Israel angry with the Children of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh?

5. Complete the following scripture:

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the _____ of God, and *that* the

_____ of God dwelleth in _____?

True / False

T F God delivered all that He promised in the inheritance to the children of Israel.

T F To be incorruptible, immortal, is a promise of God to the believer.

T F The children of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh were reminder – God first.

T F The believer is to forgive others as God forgave the believer.