

God Equips for Life in the Land

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Joshua 13-21

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I. God GAVE His people the land (INHERITANCE)

Detailed & long account - to help us understand that:

There is not one aspect of God's promises that will ever fail!

- God is GIVING His people the land
Josh 13:1-7
- The land, their inheritance is a GIFT from God so they may worship Him
Jos 23:3-13 - Beware, if we disobey & fail to worship God's favor in the land is removed.

Remember PURPOSE of the Gospel: Creation, Fall, Redemption, RESTORATION
we are to remember our Identity in Christ - and why we were saved!

- God is a God of details
He knows His people & is Gracious to them:
 - Reuben dishonored father Gen 35:22; Simeon & Levi led massacre Gen 34
 - Judah - 4th born now given right to rule ahead of Reuben, Simeon & Levi
 - Judah Kings: David; Solomon; Josiah & JESUS! Is 9:6-7
 - Grace to Simeon & Levi - both placed within the land among brothers

II. God Gave His people the VICTORY

Josh 13:6 God leads the way & gives victory to His people

- God gave the victory many different ways: Jericho, Ai, Gibeon...
- Lesson: Jos 15:63 - beware of leaving small sins they often lead to trouble (ensnared & captivity) later
- How do we deal with sins & indwelling things? Josh 17:17-18
 - take it by God's POWER for yourself. Not 90% God and 10% you.
 - Use ALL of God's power and ALL of your power - Phil 2:12-13
God gives the victory - God's power is not an excuse to not work
Focus on Worshiping God & Obeying God - why you were saved!
Beware of fear - Josh 17:18
- Remember your IDENTITY in CHRIST. HE has redeemed you for His glory!
Constantly remind yourself of who God is - worship
God is GREAT - so I don't have to be in control
God is GLORIOUS - so I don't have to fear others
God is GOOD - so I don't have to look elsewhere for satisfaction
God is GRACIOUS - so I don't have to prove myself

APPLY: Discuss how you are worshiping and obeying God as you live life in Christ. Are there sins that you have 'overlooked' and will come back to haunt you?

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