

Faith Triumphs: Joshua's People Inherit The Land

Joshua 13-22

Main Idea: Faith triumphs because our promise-keeping God always keeps His promises.

Introduction

- Putting it all together:
 - The preparation is essential
 - The war is inescapable
 - The reality is both fighting and failure
 - The outcome is sure
 - The rest has been provided
- Promises made/Promises kept
 - This land had been promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - **Genesis 12:7; 26:3-4; 28:4**
 - **Joshua 1:13**

A Promised Land is Graciously Given - (13-21)

- The land allotted in Gilgal - **Ch. 13-17**
 - The excited tribes
 - **Genesis 15:18-20; Joshua 15**
 - The entitled tribes - **17:14-18**
 - **James 3:16**
- The land allotted at Shiloh - **Ch. 18-19**
 - The reluctant tribes
- Why did God give the tribes the land in this way?
 - To avoid tribal infighting
 - To let God choose - **Proverbs 16:33**
 - To recognize God as the sovereign owner of everything
- The cities of refuge - **Ch. 20**
- The cities for the Levites - **Ch. 21**

A Promised Rest Must Be Actively Entered - (21:43-22:10)

- The place of rest
 - A rest from war - **21:43-45**
 - A place to thrive, not merely survive - **Deuteronomy 8:7-10**
 - A place where God is central - **Deuteronomy 33:26-29**
- The enemy of rest
 - Did Israel settle in all the land?

- **Joshua 13:1-7**
- Compromise, Complacency, Complaint
- **Hebrews 3:7-19**
- How much in our lives have we left unsettled? - **Hosea 6:1-6**

“The soul is first possessed by Christ, and then it begins to possess Christ. We are apprehended by our divine Captor, and then we come to apprehend Him.” - FB Meyer

A Promised Rest Remains To Be Fully Entered - (22:11-34)

- A promised place but not a perfect place - **vv. 11-34**
- A place of perfect rest is still to come - **Hebrews 4**
 - Rest has been provided
 - This rest can only be received by faith - **vv. 2-3**
 - The Promise Land points to a Perfect Land - **v. 8**
 - There is a place of Perfect Rest for those who trust Him - **v. 9**
 - **Revelation 21:1-8**
 - How do I know I will inherit this perfect place of rest? - **vv. 10-11**

So What?

- If we do not reign, we can never rest!
 - **Ephesians 2:4-10**

Now What? (Small Group Discussion)

- According to **Hebrews 4**, is the Sabbath ultimately a day or a person? Why is that truth significant to our lives?
- Why did the Transjordan tribes choose to have land away from the other tribes? Was this a wise choice? How did it turn out for them?
- Do a study on Caleb. Who were his descendants? Why is it so significant that this man becomes a picture of wholehearted faithfulness? What are some lessons we can learn from Caleb?