

BIB 211 History of Israel I

Lesson 1 - Joshua and the Conquest of the Promised Land Joshua 1-12

Intro. This book pictures the life of victory and the walk of faith in complete surrender and dedication to the Lord. Once they crossed this river they had reached the point of no return. They would be forced to walk with God and fight the enemy. How this is true in the life of the Christian and should be realized at conversion. At this point being determined to be absolutely surrendered to God. Just as Abraham reached a crisis with offering Isaac. Paul beseeches us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. There must be the death of self. Luke 9:23 14:25-35 How baptism is a picture or figure of this and should be realized. Rom 6

1. Entering the land 1-5

A. the Preparation (1-2) faith's warrant the call and word of God

1. man preparation - Joshua's leadership

-"Human leaders die, God lives. As one human leader drops out God has prepared another to take his place." Carroll

-It is said that preachers are the most disobedient of all Christians; that they understand less than any other class of Christians the principles of rigid obedience.

2. military preparation - sending spies into Rahab

B. the Passage (3-4) faith's crisis - the point of no return absolute surrender

1. the miracle of crossing - baptism is sin conquered, no more dominion

2. the memorial of crossing - baptism is a memorial of a reality

C. the Purification (5:1-9) spiritual preparation - circumcision

D. the Passover (5:10-12)

-manna ceases demanding a life of walking by faith for temporal things E.

the Power (5:13-15) Christ appears as captain of the LORD'S host

Note: he appeared to Moses as lawgiver to Joshua as captain - Christ appears fitted to each task and situation - a husband to Wendy Rauch

2. Conquering the land 6-12

3. The Central campaign - divide and conquer, which kept the northern and southern armies from uniting

Note: I have heard that strategies from this campaign still used at West Point

1. victory of Jericho - lessons of victory (6) faith triumphant

2. Defeat at Ai - lessons of defeat (7) faith disabled from sin

3. Victory of Ai - lessons of repentance (8) faith re-empowered

Note: Achan took of the accursed thing a picture of taking what God had set apart or sanctified for Himself. A contrast to not living a crucified life.

B. The Southern campaign

1. failure of Gibeonites (9) Satan is easier to strike down as a Son of Anak in warrior's armour than as a disguised Gibeonite in some pity-evoking beggar's attire. Satan's subtle wiles are more dangerous than his open assaults. He is more dangerous as an angel of light than as a roaring lion."
-Lack
2. failure of prayer - faith endangered
3. victory over Ammonites (10) faith victorious
4. The Northern campaign (11) faith perfected completed victory
5. The Complete campaign (12)

Conclusion

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. How quickly and completely our enemies (sins) can be subdued yet how difficult the devil makes them seem. The enemies are not extinct but completely subdued with no more dominion. How easy it is to look at Israel and wonder with amazement why that cannot understand how to be victorious over our enemy and yet why do we struggle with the presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling us and the completed written word of God instructing us.