

God's Faithfulness



MEMORY VERSE: "Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything He had spoken came true." Joshua 21:25

DAY 1 JOSHUA 13-14:5 — Joshua Divides the Land

Chapters 13-19 describe how the Promised Land was to be divided among the 12 tribes.

1. Read verses 13:1-7. Joshua was now between 85-100 years old. What did God still want Joshua to do? v. 7 (2 1/2 Tribes-Reuben, Gad and 1/2 of Manasseh had received land east of the Jordan River.)
2. Read verse 14:1-5. What important lesson is learned from verse 5?
3. The yet to be conquered land was included in the divisions among the tribes. The Israelites allowed many of the Canaanite tribes to remain in the land even though God had repeatedly told them not to. Why is it so hard to do what we know is right? To stand up to peer pressure? What areas in your life have you let the ways of the culture replace what you know God wants for you?

DAY 2 JOSHUA 14:6-14 — Caleb Is Given His Inheritance

4. Read verses 6-12. Caleb was one of the original spies sent into the Promised Land. Who sent him on this task and how old was he at the time? How old is Caleb now and what proposal does he make to Joshua?

5. What do verses 9 and 14 tell us that Caleb had consistently done? Can you think of an example when you have been blessed for following the Lord?

DAY 3 JOSHUA 15-20 — Tabernacle and Cities Are Established

6. In chapters 15-19, the rest of the land is divided and allotted into portions. God kept His promises and provided for all the people. How does believing God's promises impact your daily life?
7. What inheritance did Joshua receive? When did Joshua receive his inheritance in relation to the rest of Israel? vv. 19:49-50 What do you learn about God from this?
8. Read verses 20:1-6. Cities of refuge were cities setup to ensure that God's principles of justice and fairness were kept throughout the land. What does this show us about God's character?

DAY 4 JOSHUA 21 — The Towns Given to the Levites

9. The tribe of Levi was the priestly tribe and were in charge of the cities of refuge. What did God give the Levi tribe for an inheritance? v. 13:14 Read verses 21:1-3. What do the leaders of the Levi tribe ask for? How did the Israelites respond to the request of the Levites?
10. Read verses 21:43-44. What specific promise did the Lord fulfill to Israel? What was life like for the Israelites after they conquered the land the Lord had promised them?

11. How are God's promises described in 21:45? What significance does that have on us as Christians?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 13-21 — Wrap Up

12. What have you learned from this lesson about God's faithfulness? What do you think we should do when it seems as if God's promises are not fulfilled? List at least three promises that God has given to you as a Christ follower.

13. In what ways was Joshua a good leader? How was Joshua's servant attitude revealed? What is one characteristic of Joshua that you would like to have in your own life?

TAKE AWAY

God keeps all His promises! What concrete action could you take this week to demonstrate your trust in God's promises?

BLESSING

God will not forget the good that you have done for Him. He will remember and reward you even if the good that you did for Him was done in secret.

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Even in old age, Joshua does not retire from the mission God entrusted to him. Although his army has overcome the Canaanite tribes, not all of the land has been possessed. Joshua carries out God's command to allocate this land to the twelve tribes of Israel for an inheritance. But Israel disobeys God's instructions by allowing some Canaanite tribes to remain in the land. The Israelites have grown lazy. They are tired of fighting; it is easier to let the Canaanite tribes stay instead of conquering all the land. Their involvement with these Canaanites would cause a long, painful struggle.

Caleb, now eighty-five years old, asks

Joshua for a portion of the Promised Land, and Joshua grants his requests.

After all the land was divided among the tribes, the Israelites gave a piece of land to Joshua. Joshua fought long and hard for his people and labored faithfully for God. He was successful as a leader because he obeyed God's commands.

The Lord gave them the land as He had promised. He gave them rest on every side. He gave their enemies into their hands. He fulfilled every one of His good promises to them. Not even one failed. What can we learn about the Lord from this? What lessons can we apply to our lives today?

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