

What is Joshua's commission to them in v. 5?

How is this different from what is required of us as the people of God?

What lessons are there in vs. 6-9 about missions, commitment, generosity and rewards? (cf. Deut 3:18-20). What about leaving your families today to be involved in missions and ministry today?

What was the purpose and motive for building the altar? (vs. 10, 21-29)

What did the other tribes of Israel decide to even go to the extent of declaring war against their brothers for building the altar?

What do we learn from this passage about confronting others and handling conflict?

What are you doing to safeguard the spiritual heritage of your children and their children after them? What can you do?

When others see and hear about your commitment and walk with the Lord, how do they respond? (vs. 42-43, cf. Col 1:3-6; 1Thes 1:2-3)

In **Joshua 23:1-16**, we have Joshua's Farewell address to the leaders of Israel (v.2).

What did Joshua use as the basis of his appeal to the leaders? (vs. 3, 14)

How did Joshua view his role as a leader? (vs. 4-5)

Compare v. 6 with Josh 1:6-9. What Joshua received at his installation and inauguration as a leader, he now, at his departure, passes on to others? What was his legacy to others?

Could he have possibly said this to them if it was not a reality in his own life? What will you pass on to others at your departure?

Why is the warning against idolatry important to them? vs. 7-8
Why were they able to overcome their enemies? (vs. 9-11)

What are some of the dangers and consequences of unholy alliances, including intermarriage, with those who do not share the same faith, religious conviction and values as yours? (vs. 12-13) What types of unholy alliances should we avoid today?

What were the consequences for violation of the covenant? (vs. 15-16)

How displeasing God and incurring his displeasure different today from the way it was during the times of Joshua and others in the Bible?

Joshua 24:1-27 is Joshua's farewell address to the entire nation (v. 2). Note in v 1 that this was an official function of Joshua. He assembled and summoned and they presented themselves to God (NIV). It was the renewal of the covenant God made with their ancestors. The promises of God to their ancestors were secure, but their enjoyment of the benefits and blessings depended on their faith and faithfulness. It was a reminder of the covenant, the issuing of a challenge and the renewal of a commitment. This was not the first time Joshua is doing this, but it will be the last. He did something similar in Josh 8:30-35. He has been commanded by Moses to do this (Deut 27-28).

What are the implications of the declaration in v. 2? What is the function of Joshua in this verse? What is this parallel to?

Vs. 2-13 is a rehearsal of their history. We should never forget where we've come from. What lessons do you see in this passage?

What was Abraham's relationship and response to God? (vs. 3-4)

What was the function of Moses and Aaron according to vs. 5-7?

What are the principles/lessons for us from vs. 8-13?

What is Joshua's challenge to the people in v. 14?

Joshua 22-24 Bible Study

How did he set himself apart in v. 15 and what were the results?

What do you learn about the commitment of one man and results that can have on a nation?

What are the four examples of idolatry that they are to avoid?

Explain the dynamics of vs. 16-21. What is Joshua trying to do here? Why is he “discouraging” them? Is there any value to this? Is this an acceptable leadership strategy?

What are some principles in vs. 21-27 that might help us to deepen our commitment to the Lord and help us to remain faithful and help, not only our generation but future generations to do the same?

Vs. 28-32 is a summary of the faithfulness and the effectiveness of Joshua as a servant of God and as a leader. What would you like to happen and have others say when you have completed your race? (cf. 2Tim 4:6-8). What are you currently doing to make this a reality?

v. 32. What is the significance of the burial of the bones and Joseph and how does it tie in with the history of Joshua?

Introduction:

Joshua is coming to the close of his ministry and life. He does a masterful job of preparing the people for his departure and their continuation without him but with the Lord (Josh 1:1-9). In the same way as Moses prepared him for his departure, even so Joshua is now doing for Israel (Deut 3:28). What else can be asked of a leader, than to serve faithfully in his/her time and prepare the next generation to do the same (Acts 13:36a). We usually do with, to and for others what was done to and for us. Doing what Joshua is doing is the only way we can be faithful to our mandate and mission until the Lord returns. What are you doing to prepare others to continue faithfully after you have departed from your current position or situation? What are you doing to prepare your family to faithfully serve the Lord after you are gone? - a sobering question. If what you are doing is important, you cannot, you dare not leave continuation to chance. You must give deliberate and diligent consideration to succession planning. Most enterprise fall apart and fail after the leader departs. This is preventable with proper planning and preparation.

Observation & Interpretation:

Joshua 21:43-45 is a summary statement of what went on before and a transition to what is ahead.

What do we learn here about the promises of God and His faithfulness?

What is our responsibility concerning the promises of God?

What is the surest way, as God’s people, to have victory over our enemies? (See Deut 3:21-22)

In **Joshua 22:1-34**, we have Joshua’s farewell address to the two and a half tribe that had their possession on the eastern side of the Jordan River. These men have faithfully kept their commitment to their brothers and obeyed all the commands of Moses and Joshua (cf. Deut 3:18-20). What was the nature of their commitment? Do we see this level of commitment to other around us today? In what areas of life should we have similar levels of commitment to others?

Note their diligence and faithfulness (Josh 21:2). What do you learn from them concerning diligence and faithfulness in vs. 2-4?