

Joshua
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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Joshua 9-22.

II. Joshua was encouraged to be strong in light of the promise that was to come.

III. Joshua called the people to take possession of the land.

A. God's salvation is not just redemption but possessing all that we have been given.

B. The Levites did not inherit the land because God was their possession. Our inheritance is God also.

IV. Caleb fully followed the Lord with his heart.

V. What the Israelites left unconquered eventually rose up and defeated them or led them to sinful worship.

A. We are defeated by those areas that we do not leave unconquered.

B. We look forward to being delivered from the presence of sin just as we have been delivered from its penalty and are being delivered from its power.

VI. The Israelites did not take all that God had for them. We must take all that we can from Jesus Christ for the rest of God. (John 15)

VII. Cities of refuge were appointed in order that people guilty of accidental manslaughter could be safe. Men found refuge in a place. Believers find refuge in a person--Jesus Christ. (Numbers 35)

VIII. Conclusion. We may learn by the model and mistakes of the Israelites.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to find the rest of God?

2. In what ways do Christians struggle to "possess the land?" Explain.

3. What does it look like for you to find refuge in Jesus? Explain.
