



# Joshua

Part #13 –  
Standards are  
necessary

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# Introduction

## Key Scriptures

- And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you? – Joshua 18:3
- But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. – Joshua 22:5
- And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren. – Joshua 22:8



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to. – Joshua 22:10
- *Is* the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD. – Joshua 22:17
- Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity. – Joshua 22:20
- *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. – Revelation 2:14*



# Keys

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- Much land to take
- Expansion of Joseph
- Benefit of obedience and fortitude
- Taking the land that has been given
- Standard of operation and conduct
- Watching over the covenant



# In this lesson

- Settled for less - Slack, Slothful, Slow, Sluggard
- Solved with a challenge to persevere
- Selection by lots
- Standards of operation verified as the Eastern tribes return



# Slack, Slothful, Slow, Sluggard

*Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. - Joshua 17:12*

- Manasseh's Inability to drive out the inhabitants of those cities
- Manasseh mingled amongst the other tribes
- Manasseh settled to place the inhabitants under tribute instead of driving them out
- Entertaining the compromises weakens the ultimate resolve of the entire people



# Solved – A challenge to persevere

*And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto? – Joshua 17:14*

- Feeling pressed in
- Boredom set in
- Your freedom hedge in
- Overwhelmed by limitations

**QUIT COMPLAINING – DO SOMETHING!**



# Selection by lots

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- The land was to be scouted out – 3 selected from every tribe
- The land was divided into 7 parts
- Their inheritance was allotted by casting lots





# Standards of operation verified

*Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: – Joshua 22:3,3*

*Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God – Joshua 23:11*

- Courage required to encompass the allotted land
- Circumspect, watchful and determined to keep the covenant
- Charge to the leaders
- Consecration and warning not to move away



# Standards of operation verified – Cont'd

*Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. – Joshua 24:15*



# Conclusion

## **From the pages of Joshua**

- Fixing your gaze, your conviction and your heart on the Lord



# Next Week

We will continue next week, beginning with:

- Judges