Part #12 GOD IS FAITHFUL

Scripture Song: Be strong and of good courage – Deut. 31:6

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Lessons of Faith from Joshua. Today's topic: GOD IS FAITHFUL.

1) The faithfulness of the LORD

a. Joshua 21:43-45 What impresses you as you read this testimony of Joshua? (see also Joshua 23:14)
b. While every promise of the LORD to the children of Israel was fulfilled, not every Israelite received the promised blessings. Why? (Achan, Korah, etc.)
c. Who chose to believe the promises of the LORD and become a recipient of His blessings? (Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, etc.)
d. What was the Apostle Paul's testimony about the faithfulness of God to keep His promises? 2 Timothy 2:11-13, 2 Corinthians 1:18-20
e. What promises of the LORD are especially meaningful for you? John 3:16-17, Matthew 11:28-30, John 10:27-29, John 11:25, John 14:1-3, etc.

2) The importance of human cooperation

a. Joshua 23:1-5 Where do you see the need for human cooperation in the victories the LORD had promised to the children of Israel?
b. Joshua 23:6-10 Why was an obedient relationship with the LORD essential for His promises to be fulfilled for the children of Israel? (see also Deuteronomy 6:3-5)
c. What teachings of Jesus emphasize the importance of an obedient relationship with God? Luke 6:46-49, John 14:15, etc.
d. Share some miracles in the ministry of Jesus where human cooperation was important. John 9:7, 11:39, Matthew 10:5-8, 14:19-20, etc.
e. Share a time when you witnessed a miracle of God as you responded in obedience to His invitation to join Him in His work.

3) Warning against unfaithfulness to the LORD

a. Joshua 23:7,12-13 What warning did Joshua give in his farewell address to the children of Israel?
b. How does the warning of Joshua relate to our lives today? (see 1 John 2:15-17)
c. What promises in the Scriptures encourage you when you are tempted to be unfaithful to the LORD? 1 Corinthians 10:13, James 4:7-10, etc.
d. Joshua 23:15-16 How do you explain the anger (wrath) of the LORD if He is a God of love? (see also 1 John 4:8, 2 Peter 3:9, etc.)

4) Loving the LORD with all your heart

a. Joshua 23:11 Why is the simple appeal of Joshua so important? (see also Joshua 22:5, Deuteronomy 6:5)
b. What teaching of Jesus reinforced the importance of loving God with all our heart? Matthew 22:37-38
c. How is it possible to love God with all your heart?