Part #5 THE LORD GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU

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: THE LORD GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU.

1) Taking possession of the land of Canaan

a. Joshua 10:40-42 Why was the judgment on the LORD on the inhabitants of Canaan so severe?
b. According to the later testimony of the priest Ezra, how did the LORD describe the land of Canaan that the children of Israel were about to possess? Ezra 9:10-11
c. Was there any other option for the Canaanites besides annihilation? Exodus 23:28-30, 33:2, Numbers 33:51-53, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 John 1:9 (flee or repent)
d. What command regarding complete destruction was given by the LORD? Deuteronomy 7:5, 12:2-3, etc.
e. When did armed combat become an undesirable necessity? Deuteronomy 2:26-34, 3:1-3, etc.
f. What important revelation about the character of God is emphasized in the Scriptures? Jeremiah 9:24, John 3:16, 1 John 4:8, Ezekiel 33:11, etc.
g. Many people are troubled by the genocides recorded in the Old Testament. How would you respond to someone who says, "If that's what your God is like, I want nothing to do with Him"?

2) The spiritual condition of the inhabitants of Canaan

a. Deuteronomy 18:9-12 What evil practices were part of Canaanite religion?
b. Why did the LORD God give so many laws about sexuality purity after He had delivered the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt? (See Leviticus 18:1-5, 20-30)
c. What evil practices are common in our day?
d. How are we impacted by the evil practices of the cultures in which we live?
e. How can we guard our minds and hearts against the evils of our culture? Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 4:8, etc.

3) Judgment on those who do evil

a. What examples do we find in the Scriptures of God's judgment on those who do evil? Genesis 6:5-8, 18:20-21, 19:24, etc.
b. Why is the LORD so offended by evil? 1 John 1:5, Psalm 7:11, 50:6, Proverbs 6:16-19, etc.
c. Why are some judgments of the LORD immediate and others are delayed until the final judgment?
d. How is the story recorded in 2 Kings 6:8-23 a blending of grace and judgment on those who seek to do evil?
e. What encouragement would you give to someone who feels it's too late to repent of their sins?