Part #7 ULTIMATE LOYALTY: WORSHIP IN A WAR ZONE

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: ULTIMATE LOYALTY: WORSHIP IN A WAR ZONE.

1) Reaffirmation of the covenant with the LORD

a. Joshua 5:1 How did God's miraculous activity on behalf of the children of Israel impact the surrounding nations?
b. Joshua 5:2-5 What was the significance of the LORD's command to Joshua to circumcise all the Jewish males who had crossed over the River Jordan?
c. Why was this sign of the covenant neglected during their wilderness wanderings?
d. How can we show our consecration to the LORD who has done great things for us?

2) First things first

a. Joshua 5:10 Why did the children of Israel take time to worship before engaging in the mission the LORD had set before them? (Exodus 12:4,14)
b. What can we lesson can we learn from this story? Matthew 6:33
c. Why is it so easy to neglect our times of worship, especially when the demands of life seem to overwhelm us?

3) Building altars of sacrifice and altars of remembrance

a. Why did Joshua build an altar of sacrifice to the LORD God after the victory at Ai? Joshua 8:30-31
b. What was unique about an altar of remembrance Joshua built on Mount Ebal? Joshua 8:32 (Deuteronomy 27:2-10)
c. What important reminder was given to the children of Israel at this altar? Joshua 8:33-35
d. What other altar of remembrance had been built when the children of Israel crossed over the River Jordan? Joshua 4:4-9 (lesson #3)
e. What other stories in the Bible record the building of altars of sacrifice and altars of remembrance? (Genesis 12:7-8, 28:18-19, etc.)
f. What are some altars of remembrance we can build to remind ourselves of the faithfulness of the LORD?
g. Share a time when the LORD impressed you to build an altar of remembrance.

4) Erecting the sanctuary

a. Joshua 18:1 What important structure was erected at Shiloh?
b. Who directed the design of this sanctuary and what was its purpose? Exodus 25:8-9
c. What supernatural revelation was given when the sanctuary was first erected? Exodus 40:1,34-38
d. Why is it important to invite the presence of the LORD to be in our midst? Psalm 16:8,11