

## COURAGEOUS WARRIOR – Five Warrior Traits (part 2)

### Joshua 18-20

Read - Joshua 18:1-5

“Seven tribes” – yet to receive inheritance. *Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, Dan, and Benjamin.*

Joshua “chastises” these tribes for the “sin of procrastination!”

(James 4:17) Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Fifth trait of a “courageous warrior.”

Warriors avoid procrastination.

Extent of their “victory!”

(v.1) “*The Tabernacle had already been set up in Shiloh...And the land was subdued before them!*”

1) The Tabernacle was with them. God’s presence.

(Hebrews 13:5b-6) “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

2) The land was subdued.

(1 John 5:4-5) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

3) Shiloh - (Hebrew) means - *place of rest*.

(Matthew 11:28-30) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Procrastination always says, “tomorrow,” but tomorrow never comes!

(1 Samuel 15:22b, 23a) Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

God is waiting on you!

From 18:11-19:48 – the “seven tribes,” take steps of “obedience.”

“Obedience” is the only remedy for procrastination!

A courageous warrior, by faith, moves from “hesitation” to “determination!”

19:49-51 – God rewards Joshua.

(Hebrews 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Chapter 20 – “cities of refuge.”

(20:1-4)

Six cities of refuge - on the westside of the Jordan River; Kedesh, Shechem, Kirjaith Arba

“Three” cities on east of the Jordan – Bezer, Ramoth in Golan

“Avenger of blood” – Goel Hadam.

(Genesis 9:6) “Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.”

Goel – redeemer or avenger.

Hadam – the blood. Blood shed causing “death.”

“Blood” takes away the offense – animal sacrifices in the Temple.

(Leviticus 17:11) “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

Jesus is God’s Goel Hadam. God’s “Avenger” and our “Redeemer.”

Avenger - Revelation 19:15

Our Redeemer

By His “death” we have been “liberated from the wrath of God! Read – v.6

By the “death” of the “high Priest,” the offender was “set free!” Jesus is our High Priest.

“Eternal Redeemer!” - Hebrews 6:20.

(Hebrews 9:12) Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Six cities of refuge represent the eternal refuge we have in Christ.

Kedesh means “holy place.” - Shechem means “strong shoulder.” Hebron means “fellowship.”

Bezer means “strong hiding place.” (Colossians 3:3-4). Ramoth means “high place.” (Ephesians 2:6).

Golan means “enclosure for captives.” (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

CONCLUSION:

(Psalm 27:13-14) I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!