

COURAGEOUS WARRIOR – Legacy Preserved

Joshua 21-23

Chapter 21

Numbers 35:9-15 Cities of Refuge

Numbers 35:1-8 – Cities for Levites

Numbers 18:21 – Levites needs met by the other tribes.

(Joshua 21:43-45)

(2 Timothy 2:13) If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Chapter 22 - “Huge” misunderstanding.

(Joshua 22:28-29)

Two lessons here

1) Never assume always presume, the “best” of others.

(Philippians 2:3-4) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

2) If we build anything between us, may it be a “witness.”

(Romans 14:19) Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

(Joshua 22:34)

Chapter 23 – Here we find the “farewell speech” of Joshua, God’s “courageous warrior.”

First exhortation - (1) Remember God’s love. (v.3)

(23:1-3)

Note – the two-fold manifestation of God’s love.

“Because of you.”

(Romans 5:8-9) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Second manifestation of God’s love – “The Lord has fought for you.”

(Roman 8:37-39) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God’s love preserves!

Second exhortation - (2) Remember to Keep and do, God’s word. (v.6)

(Psalm 40:11) Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me. His word preserves!

Third exhortation - (3) Remember the Lord is your strength. (v.9, 10)

(v.9-10)

(Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Strengthen – “*endue with strength.*”

(Acts 1:8) “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

By His power legacy is preserved!

Fourth exhortation - (4) Remember to keep watch on yourselves. (v.11)

(Revelation 2:4) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

(Psalm 139:23-24) Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Self-examination is preservation!

Fifth exhortation - (5) Remember to avoid contamination. (v.12-16)

(v.13)

How to avoid contamination - (Hebrews 12:14) Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

Snares, Traps, Scourges, Thorns.

(v.15)

(Psalm 9:17) The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

“Divine hope!” John 3:16.

“Politics is always downstream of culture. But culture is downstream of religion.” – Pete Hegseth

(2 Chronicles 7:14-15) “...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.”

Consecration is preservation!

CONCLUSION:

(Psalm 16:1-2) Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."