The Promise: "God's Presence with His People" Joshua 3:5-17; 4:1-7 January 14, 2024

- I. He will make provisions. (Joshua 3:5-8)
 - 1. Be ready for His provisions. (vs 5-6)
 - 2. Be willing to offer praise. (vs 7-8)

Hebrews 13:17

II. He will give guidance. (Joshua 3:9-17)

CHURCH DOCTRINE: God is immanent.

1. Following Creator God. (vs 9-13)

"The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth." Psalm 97:5

2. Following Creator God one step at a time. (vs 14-17)

"God never promises more than he is able to perform." Matthew Henry

III. He will provide memories. (Joshua 4:1-7)

- 1. Memories meant to encourage. (vs 1-3)
- 2. Memories serve a purpose. (vs 4-7)

"The way we live ought to manifest the truth of what we believe." Elisabeth Elliot (1925-2015)

LET'S GO DEEPER:

- 1. If God wants us to be humble, then why then did He exalt Joshua before the people?
- 2. What was the key role for the Israelites? Don't over think the question. The answer is easy but doing it not so much! Why?
- 3. Verse 5 gives us a hint on how to best prepare ourselves for persecution and trials. How does Luke 12:11-12 relate?
- 4. A stone memorial is a very creative and visible reminder (which will last a long time) of what God has done. The concept of remembering is very important in the Bible. What are some of the things God commands people not to forget?
- 5. What have we learned about people so far in Joshua?