

Joshua Lesson 6 – Preparation for Victory (Joshua 5)

Review

- Memorial stones reminded Israel of God's work and faithfulness.
 1. They were placed so future generations would know the Lord's power. (Joshua 4:24)
 2. Faith looks back at what God has done but remains expectant for what God will continue to do. (Joshua 4:6)

Preparing for Victory

- The peoples of the land were demoralized by _____.
 1. Rahab confirmed that the terror of Israel spread across Canaan. (Joshua 2:9-11)
 2. When God moves, the enemy loses confidence even before the first battle. (Joshua 5:1)
- Preparation always precedes victory.
 1. God's ways are higher than ours. (Isaiah 55:8-9)
 2. God doesn't want Israel to simply win militarily but to walk spiritually prepared. (Joshua 5:10-12)
- **THREE** steps of preparation.
 1. Israel must be spiritually aligned before physically advancing. (Joshua 5)
 2. Obedience positions the believer to succeed in God's plan. (Joshua 1:7-8)

Renewing the Lord's Covenant

- God called _____ and gave His covenant.
 1. God promised Abraham land, a nation, and a blessing. (Genesis 12:1-3)
 2. Israel was uniquely chosen to bear the covenants. (Romans 9:4-5)
- Israelites were called _____ people of God.
 1. Circumcision marked covenant identity. (Genesis 17:9-14)

2. They belonged to God and were set apart from the nations.
(Deuteronomy 7:6)

- Faith is required. Circumcision was _____ practiced in the wilderness.
 1. Mere tradition cannot save. (Matthew 3:9)
 2. God desires true heart transformation. (Jeremiah 4:4)
- _____ man in the nation was temporarily disabled after circumcision.
 1. This required trust while vulnerable near Jericho. (Joshua 5:8)
 2. Strength is found in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- Gilgal means to _____ away.
 1. God rolled away the reproach of Egypt. (Joshua 5:9)
 2. Their past unbelief and ridicule were broken. (Numbers 14:11–14)
- Ridicule of the _____ is removed.
 1. God prepares a table before enemies. (Psalm 23:5)
 2. In Christ, shame is removed and identity restored. (Romans 8:1)
- Only the _____ could eat the Passover.
 1. Only the circumcised could partake. (Exodus 12:43-44)
 2. God protects the purity of covenant participation. (Exodus 12:48)

Spiritual Truth Pictured

- These Old Testament events picture spiritual truths.
 1. These were written as examples. (1 Corinthians 10:11)
 2. Believers die to self and enter inheritance by faith. (Colossians 2:11–12)

Remembering the Lord's Goodness

- They observed the _____
 1. Israel remembers redemption. (Joshua 5:10)
 2. Jesus fulfills the Passover as the Lamb. (Luke 22:19)
- The manna ceased.

1. God now provides through the land. (Joshua 5:12)
 2. God always supplies at the right time. (Philippians 4:19)
- They entered at _____ harvest.
1. They ate from the produce of Canaan. (Joshua 5:11)
 2. God's goodness always leads forward. (Psalm 100:5)

Reaffirming the Lord's Presence

- Joshua met the Commander of the Lord's army.
1. Joshua bows and yields leadership. (Joshua 5:13-14)
 2. God is always with His people. (Psalm 46:11)
- Removing sandals showed holy ground.
1. God had spoken this same command to Moses. (Exodus 3:5)
 2. God's people must live holy lives. (1 Peter 1:16)
- God's presence still goes before His people.
1. God is with us always. (Matthew 28:20)
 2. His presence gives courage in every battle. (Hebrews 13:5)

Application

- Spiritual preparation precedes spiritual victory.
1. Spiritual battles are won through spiritual preparation. (Ephesians 6:10-11)
 2. We must live out obedience in action. (James 1:22)
- Covenant faithfulness must be renewed.
1. Transformation is continual. (Romans 12:1-2)
 2. Renewal is necessary daily. (Psalm 51:10)
- God's presence brings courage.
1. The Lord is our strength. (Psalm 27:1)
 2. We never walk alone. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Answer Key

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THREE

ABRAHAM

MARKED

NOT

EVERY

ROLL

ENEMY

PASSOVER

BARLEY