

WEDNESDAY FAITH & HEALING CLASS
MAY 12, 2021

JOSHUA 18:1-3

- * What God gives, we must take **POSSESSION** of by faith. God wasn't holding back from them, they were procrastinating.
- * Why? Because it would require a **CHANGE** in lifestyle. Now, they would have to **BELIEVE** God for themselves. Before, God did everything for them.

7 TRUTHS TO CHANGE OUR DESTINY - JOSHUA 5, 6

- 1.) Our enemy is defeated. **JOSHUA 5:1**
 - A.) We are to view sickness the way God does: **IS. 53:4-5; MT. 8:16-17; 1 PET. 2:24; GAL. 3:13-14**
 - B.) **HEBREWS 2:14-15** Jesus **DEFEATED** Satan for us.
 - C.) **NUMBERS 13:30-33; 14:9** Ten spies viewed their enemies as being **STRONGER** than they. Joshua and Caleb viewed them as **BREAD** because God was on their side.
- 2.) We have a covenant with God. **JOSHUA 5:2** A covenant is a contract or agreement to do or not to do something.
 - A.) Circumcision was the **SIGN** of the Abrahamic Covenant. It reminded Israel of God's **PROMISES** made under oath. Not to circumcise a son meant they lived **OUTSIDE** the covenant. **EX. 4:24-26**. God wanted to **KILL** Moses for not circumcising his son.
 - B.) On the **STRENGTH** of the covenant, Moses intercedes and asks God to **REPENT** for wanting to carry out judgment: **EXODUS 32:7-14; GEN. 22:16-18**.
 - C.) **HEB. 6:12-20** God made a **PROMISE**, **SWORE** by Himself, and is now under an **OATH** just as He was then. This truth is the **FOUNDATION** for a strong, victorious life of faith.
 - * **PS. 89:33-37** Once God swears, He **CANNOT** lie. The faithful

witness to Noah was the **RAINBOW**. The rainbow reminds us of the price we pay for trusting our own limited **REASONING** as our basis for faith, rather than the **ABSOLUTE TRUTH** of God's unfailing word. It also reminds us of the **COVENANT** God made with all creation to **PRESERVE** the created order and of: God's hatred for **SIN**; His **FAITHFULNESS**; and His **PROVISION** for salvation.

- * **REV. 4:3** - This rainbow **ENCIRCLES** the throne of God and speaks of all that God does as being tempered with **MERCY**. This mercy is based on what Jesus did for us on the Cross, and represents the **NEW COVENANT**. The emerald was Judah's stone. Judah was the royal tribe in which the **MESSIANIC KING** would come to sit on the throne of David.
- * **HEB. 8:6** - The New Covenant is **SUPERIOR** to the Old Covenant for many reasons. One of which is the better promises the Old Covenant couldn't **PROVIDE**: A **CHANGE** of heart, the **REMISSION** of sin and **ETERNAL INHERITANCE** are three of the major better promises.

EX. 15:26 - The Old Covenant provided healing based on **OBEDIENCE** to the laws and commandments of God.

1 PET. 2:24 - Healing is provided under the New Covenant based on the **WORK** of Jesus, not our **PERFORMANCE**.

When Oral Roberts recovered from a stroke, he attributed it to studying the Blood Covenant.

HEB. 11:17-19

- * Reveal the importance of **MEDITATION** and **VISION**. Abraham concluded that God had to raise Isaac from the dead or be in **VIOLATION** of the covenant.
- * **GEN. 21:12, 22:5** - Abraham knew anything was possible with God, but it was **IMPOSSIBLE** for God to break a promise. He knew God could not lie. He had no **PRECEDENT** for anyone being raised from the dead, but he knew God could and had to do it.
- * **JAMES 2:22** - By his works, his faith was made **PERFECT**.

Perfect faith sees the work done before acting, but **ACTING** out our faith is necessary.

LUKE 13:10-17

- * The critics of Jesus allowed more for an **ANIMAL** than this **WOMAN**. To them, it was o.k. to loose an animal, but not a woman.
- * Jesus calling her a daughter of Abraham made his case more **VIVID**. This expression implied she had equal rights with the **SONS** of Abraham.

1 JOHN 3:1-2

- * If a daughter of Abraham should be healed, how much more should a son or daughter of God be healed?
- * **NUM. 23:19** - God doesn't have to **CONFIRM** His word with an oath. His **INTEGRITY** speaks for itself. The oath was for our benefit to **SATISFY** our doubts.
- * **GEN. 15:7-21** - God cuts the covenant with Abraham to confirm His promise and remove all doubt from Abraham's life.