

Joshua 22:1-6, 10-34 “Witness” (3/3/2024)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Joshua 22:1-6, 10-34

1. The Transjordan Tribes (Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh) had fulfilled their commitment to help their fellow Israelites to possess the land (Joshua 1:12-18). Discuss Joshua’s commendation and exhortation to the Transjordan Tribes in 22:1-6. What warning do you detect?

2. “Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that He swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. ... Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.” (Joshua 21:43-44)

Joshua 21 centers on the LORD’s fidelity to keep His promises to Israel, while Joshua 22:1-6, 10-34 focuses on Israel’s passion for remaining faithful to the LORD. Describe the commitment to fidelity evident on the part of the tribes settling in the Promised Land and the Transjordan Tribes.

3. Does the tribes’ passion to follow the Lord as He commanded encourage you to reflect on your passion and commitment? What helps you strengthen your commitment to faithfulness.

4. Joshua 22 covers a controversy that resulted in unity among the tribes. Discuss the following:

What was the controversy?

How it was handled and what was avoided?

Where did you see unity?

What principles are evident in this chapter?

5. Read Joshua 22:24-28, 34 and give the name of the “replica” altar built by the Transjordan Tribes. For what reasons did they build the altar? How does this emphasize the importance of teaching about the things of the Lord to the younger generation?

6. The altar stood as a witness that “the LORD is God” (22:34). Share the things in your life that are a witness to others that the Lord is God?