

GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

Unity Preserved Joshua 22*"Today we know that the LORD is with us." Joshua 22:31***Read Joshua 22:1–4.**

1. Read and compare Joshua 1:12–15 with verses 1–4 in this chapter. What specific words and phrases does Joshua repeat?
2. Joshua speaks of God's people entering the rest that God promised them (Josh. 1:15; 22:4). Describe what this rest is.
3. Read Hebrews 4:8–11. How can we experience God's rest? (Matt. 11:28-30;  Ps. 62:1; Is. 30:15)

Read Joshua 22:5–9.

4. In view of where these tribes will live (east of the Jordan) in relation to the rest of the nation (west of the Jordan), why does Joshua deliver the earnest admonition in verse 5?
5. **Look closely** at verse 5 and list Joshua's final instructions on how to keep the law. ( Deut. 10:12-13)
6. Look at the above list; what heart attitude lies behind obedience to God's law? (Mk. 12:30)
Ask God to give you this heart attitude. Pray this for one other person you know.

Read Joshua 22:10–20.

7. As "the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh" (v. 9) leave for home,...
 - a. ...what do they do just before crossing the Jordan? (v. 10)
 - b. ...what is the reaction of the rest of Israel (vv. 11, 12)?
 - c. ...why do they react this way? (Lev. 17:8, 9; Deut. 13:12–15)
8. Read about the "sin of Peor" in Numbers 25:1–13.
 - a. What role did Phinehas the priest play in this account?

b. How does this prepare him for the task at hand?

9. Evaluate the investigation conducted by Israel's leaders. What do they do right? Is there anything you think they could have done better?

10. Israel's leaders are zealous for God's honor. Share what zeal you see expressed by others in your group (or someone else you know). (1 Thes. 5:11)

Read Joshua 22:21–29.

11. How do the tribes respond to the accusations?

12. For what purpose do they say the altar was built?

13. Where might they have gotten the idea of building the altar? (Josh. 4:6-7)

Read Joshua 22:30–34.

14. How do Phinehas and the rest of the delegation react to the explanation of the accused tribes?

15. What does Phinehas say is the indication of the Lord's presence with his people? (v. 31)

16. How does Christ's obedience guarantee the Lord's presence in our lives? (Heb. 3:1-3; 1 Jn. 3:24)

17. Describe the effect of the delegation's report on the rest of Israel. (vv. 32-33)

18. Recall a time when you saw the Lord preserve unity in your life (and Praise the Lord!).