

LESSON 12

DISTRIBUTING THE LAND, AND JOSHUA'S LAST WORDS

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Distributing the Land, and Joshua's Last Words

Part 1 - An Unconquered Land

The Israelites had received such a wonderful gift from God in the form of the promised land. But when they were left to their own devices, they made no effort to grasp with both hands the promise that God had given them. On top of not reaching out for His promise, they even broke their covenant with Him by not driving out all of the Canaanites!

What kind of promises has God given us? Refer to the following verses and write them down.

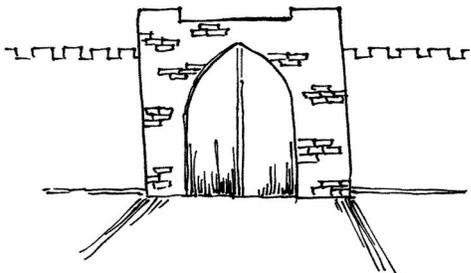
1. Matthew 11:28

2. Jeremiah 29:11-13

Discussion Question: How can we grasp these promises?

Part 2 - Cities of Refuge

The cities of refuge prefigure our church today. Go through the table below and list characteristics of each one, comparing the two with each other. An example has been provided for you.

Cities of Refuge	True Jesus Church
<p>- Refuge from (physical) death</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p>- Refuge from (spiritual) death</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

Part 3 - Joshua's Final Words

1. How do the three commands Joshua gave to the Israelites leaders relate to our lives today?

- a. Be steadfast and follow the laws of Moses. (Josh 23:6)

- b. Do not mix with pagan nations or worship their idols. (Josh 23:7-8)

- c. Do not intermarry with pagan nations. (Josh 23:12-13)

Refer to following verses and write them down.

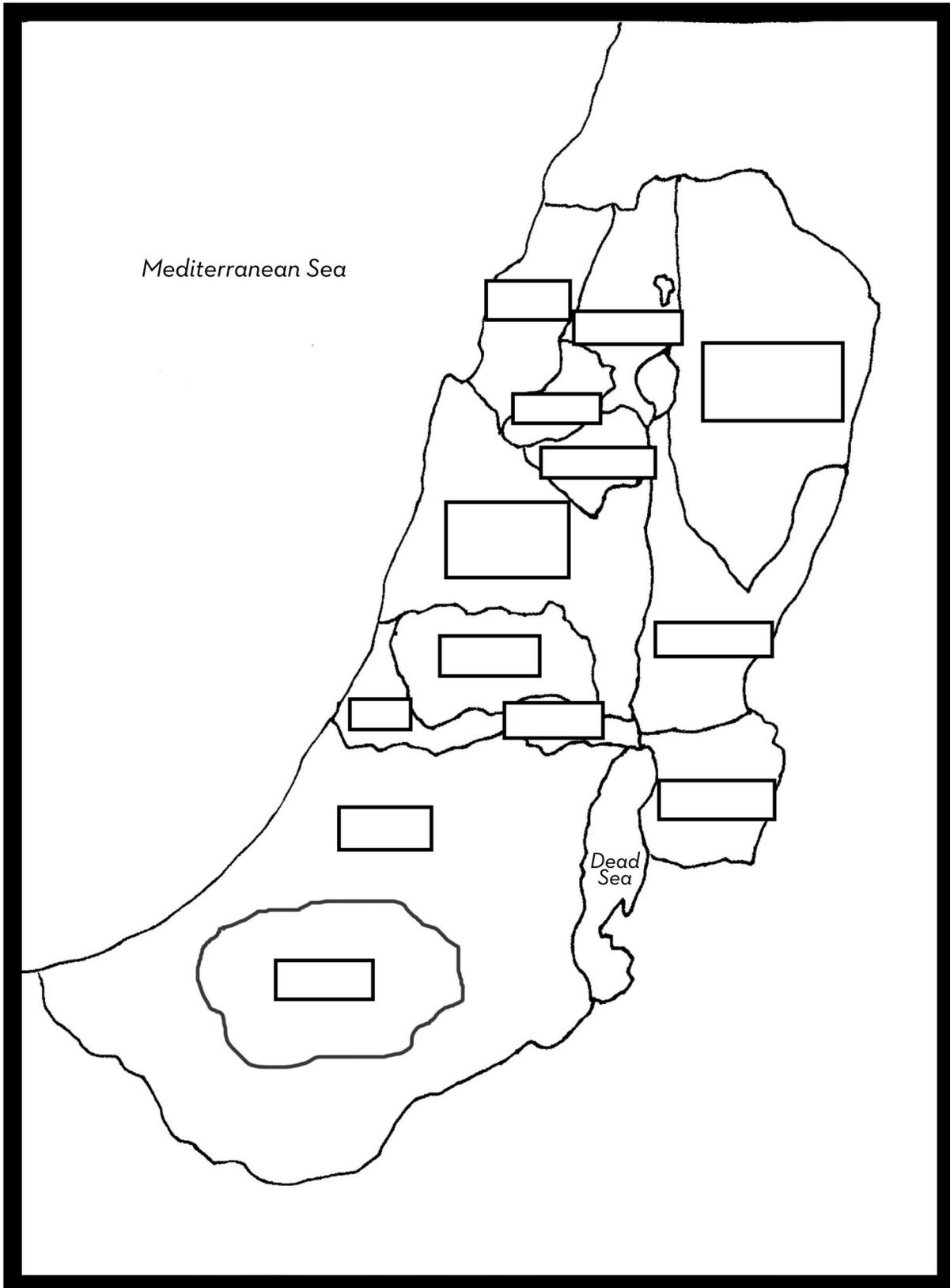
1. Joshua 24:23

2. Joshua 24:15b



The Twelve Tribes

Instructions: Find the landmarks for each tribe's allotted territory on this map, and write down the locations of each tribe.



Hold Fast to the Lord Your God

Joshua knew the weaknesses of the Israelites. So before he passed away, he called the people together and gave them commands to help them where they were most likely to sin.

His whole message could be summarized as "hold fast to the Lord your God." But what does it mean to "hold fast"? To hold fast means to be steadfast in observing and doing all that God commands you to do. This meant that they had to:

1. Follow all of Moses' instructions wholeheartedly.
2. Never mix with the pagan nations, or worship their idols.
3. Never intermarry with pagan nations.

Joshua knew the temptations were there. Therefore, he identified them all before they could break them. In what areas do you feel you are weak and most tempted to sin? Write them down:



What can you do to combat these weak areas?

Now, look at the following list of "weak areas" some brothers and sisters have. Help them out by finding the right verse so that they can memorize them. This way, they can continue to hold fast to the Lord.

I am tempted by inappropriate games/books.	Colossians 3:13
I get lazy easily.	James 1:19-20
I get impatient when I don't get what I want.	2 Corinthians 10:5
I get angry very easily.	Psalms 119:37
I get impure thoughts when watching certain shows.	Galatians 5:19-21
I use inappropriate language when upset.	Proverbs 6:10-11
I worry a lot.	Ephesians 5:21
I am very envious of others.	Proverbs 25:28
I am stubborn about my own way.	Ephesians 5:4
I am very unforgiving.	Matthew 6:27, 33-34

I Choose to Serve God!

Part 1

Joshua took a definite stand for the Lord by telling the Israelites about his own commitment. Fill in the following blanks by reading Joshua 24:15b:

"But as for _____ and my _____, we will _____ the _____."

Regardless of what others decided, Joshua set the example of living by that decision. He challenged the Israelites to make a choice: to obey the Lord, who had proven His power, love, and trustworthiness to the people, or to obey the pagan gods, which were only man-made idols, and therefore powerless.

"Choose this day whom you will serve"	
<p>The gods of this world</p> <p>Merely man-made, powerless idols</p>	<p>The one true God</p> <p>Everlasting, loving, and all-powerful</p>

The choice is yours! Who will you choose?

I choose: _____!

Why do you choose Him? _____

When the Israelites made their choice, Joshua told the Israelites to put away their foreign gods (Josh 24:23). What this means is that in order to follow God wholeheartedly, we must destroy whatever gets in the way of worshipping Him. What are some of our foreign idols today? To name a couple, they could be:

- Incorrect priorities
- Materialistic desires

Part 2

Read the following scenarios and find out what kinds of gods each person is following. How can they follow God wholeheartedly?

Scenario 1

After school, Susan always rushes straight home, goes upstairs, and turns on her computer. While it's starting up, she goes to the bathroom, grabs a snack, and then goes back to her room. Then she sits in front of her computer and spends the rest of the day in front of it, playing games and browsing the Internet. When it's dinner time, her mom has to call her at least five times before she finally comes downstairs. When she eventually eats, though, she rushes through the meal with barely a word to her family, and then goes upstairs to sit in front of her computer again without even helping to clean up. Then, when it is already very late, she realizes that she has homework that is due, and ends up having to stay up to finish it. By the time she crawls into bed, it's already past 3 am, so when she has to get up for school, she is always very tired and is unable to concentrate in classes.



Scenario 2

Luke loves to hang out with his friends all the time because they always show each other their new toys or models, and spend a lot of time playing console games with one another. In order to impress his friends, Luke is always asking his parents for the latest cool toys, gadgets, or video games. Whenever they go to the mall or go out shopping, he always walks out with several new things from the game section. Luke even argues with his parents very often in order to get things that he wants, even though his room is already brimming with so many toys that he barely touches.



What was your conclusion after reading these scenarios? Let's turn to Joshua 24:25 and read it together. This verse tells us that in order to remove any idols in our hearts, we must bind ourselves together with others who have a strong faith in God, such as our family members or our teachers.

Let's also refer to Nehemiah 9:38 and fill in the blanks below:

"And because of all this, we make a sure _____ and _____ it;
our leaders, our Levites, and our priests _____ it."

A "covenant" with God is like a contract: it is an unchangeable agreement between you and God. By choosing God as our King and Lord, we enter into a covenant with Him. Let's continue learning about covenants in the Activity worksheet.

My Covenant with God

"Now therefore,' he said, 'put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel. And the people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day." (Joshua 24:23-25a)

Dear God,

I am writing this covenant because I know how important my relationship with You is. I believe that You want me to go to heaven through Your plan of salvation. But I am easily distracted and often lose focus on what is important. This covenant is my plan on how I am going to maintain my walk with You in my spiritual journey this year. I know that with Your word in the Bible and the power of the Holy Spirit, I can remove all "foreign gods" in my heart. The foreign gods are:

In order to overcome these foreign gods, I will spend personal time with You for spiritual growth.

My prayer time every day will be: _____:_____

My Bible reading time every day will be: _____:_____

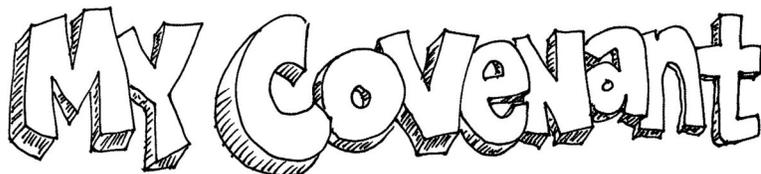
Some Bible verses that I can memorize in order to help me remove my idols are:

1. _____
_____ ()

2. _____
_____ ()

3. _____
_____ ()

These are people I know who will walk with me on this journey. They will encourage me and speak the truth in love to me:



Yours in love,

Date: _____

Parent signature(s):

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a checkmark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a checkmark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(2 Corinthians 1:20)**

True or False

1. The Israelites finished conquering the promised land. _____
2. The Israelites drove out the enemies completely. _____
3. A manslayer could leave the city of refuge upon the death of the high priest. _____

Short Answer

4. Name four of the cities of refuge.
5. Explain the purpose of the cities of refuge.
6. What do the cities of refuge prefigure? Briefly explain.
7. What three commands did Joshua tell the Israelites to remember?
8. What did Joshua say about his own commitment to God (Joshua 24:15)?