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Joshua - Lesson 11

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Verse 2: *At that time...* After the miracle at Jordan, where they crossed the Adamic border; just as soon as they had reached the Promised inheritance and before they go to war against any enemy in Canaan. *At that time, the Lord said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.* They are not repeating the sign upon those that have already received it; but forty years past as they wondered in the wilderness, that entire generation that was born during that time period, none of those males had been circumcised. That was a sign between God and the nation of Israel. They had not done that thing since pre-Passover in Egypt. So the Lord says the second time I want you to gather the whole nation together to get this matter taken care of.

Verse 3-9: *And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. 5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised. 6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey 7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them (see, second time – different individuals) Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. 9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the*

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reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

The reproach of Egypt is understood in this fashion. The Egyptians were mocking, ridiculing, making fun of Israel and their God by saying, "You're God was able to bring you out of Egypt. He took forty years to bring you into the land of Canaan." *Isn't that what you said?* The Children of Israel responded *"we are leaving the land of bondage our God is going to take us into the land of promise to give us that land."*

The Lord is teaching us the typology of this book of Joshua as it relates to the Christian. You are professing to be saved without entering into a life of God's power, and God's blessing is a joke to your kinfolds, neighbors and your job mates.

When Lot told the other men of Sodom who he was just like, living among them without objection to any of their perverted behaviors that God was going to destroy this city – but He is going to get me out first – they laughed at him. *"Why would he get you out? – you're just like us."* The reason most saved people do not witness on their job is because people would laugh at them. They wouldn't laugh at the gospel – they would laugh at that person attempting to give the message because they see no difference in their life. If your language, moral standards, jokes about the opposite sex, vulgarity, work ethic and comments about other people is not difference that theirs why would they respect anything that comes out of your mouth? When you turn and say, *"Wouldn't you like to know Jesus? He can make a difference in your life."* Now you are a joke to them, nobody wants to hear what you have to say about Jesus, sad that reality is why most people don't witness.

Your carnality has become a stumbling block to your workmates, relatives, and friends you very well may have had a hand in pushing them into Hell. The world reproaches the church, for our inability to get beyond the wilderness. (1 John 2:15)

By their being circumcised here the Lord says, *"I'm going to take that reproach away – we are going to start anew, you are going to renew the sign of your covenant relationship with me then you are going to eat that Passover memorial to get your hearts and minds back on what I did, where I brought you from to show you where you are today. Then you are going to march around Jericho and take that city"* God is speaking through Joshua – it is time for us, to stop being a laughing stock; it is time for us to stop embarrassing our God and begin to allow Him to fulfill what He has been wanting to do in our lives for four decades, having been unable to fulfill because of our unbelief.

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God wants you and I to be holy, be powerful, have light, to live in victory – God wants that for us, the only thing keeping it from happening is ourselves. It is our unbelief that keeps us in the wilderness.

Let us consider this matter of circumcision it is just like baptism. There is a three-fold aspect to baptism. There is the actual physical act of baptism, an outward profession of your inward belief. That is a visible manifestation of a spiritual operation of God. Next He baptized you into Jesus Christ when you believed. There is a third aspect, that is the practical outworking of my being buried with Christ and risen to walk in newness of life. Everybody that is saved has the baptism that God forms without hands. Some people who are saved are obedient to the visible testimony of that spiritual baptism, the actual placing of your body under the water and the bringing of your body up out of the water. Then, there a few of those that are saved, who actually allow the Lord, in their day to day practical life to bury their self-will, self-interest to raise them up to live for others as Jesus Christ lives for others.

Circumcision is the same way. There is the actual, physical sign between God and the Israelite nation of circumcision. In addition to that, there is a spiritual operation performed by God in the life of everyone that receives Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The Bible says in Colossians 2:9-12, *For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:* (This is a spiritual matter. This has to do with something that is reckoned by God in Christ.) *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands,* (This is an operation of God – a spiritual matter.) *in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of* (That is that which is performed by...) *...by the circumcision of Christ:* (What is this like unto? Look at verse 12.) *Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the* (Look again) *operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

God performed two operations in your life, as far as His reckoning is concerned. When you trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, He killed you and He buried you by virtue of your union to Jesus Christ in His death and burial; then He raised you from the dead by virtue of your union to the resurrected Christ, so that you could live a new life. Now, verse 11, this matter of Christ and God operating on you – to circumcise you is along the same line. That's why He put it all in one sentence. I could not live free from sin because from the day of my birth, I was bound to the sins of my flesh. Following the course of the world, following the lusts of my flesh, incapable of living in victory. (Ephesians 2:2-4) Jesus Christ, when you were saved, performed an operation whereby He set you free from the dominion of the flesh over your soul and your spirit. (Ephesians 2:1) Just because you have been buried with Christ, risen to walk in newness of life does not mean you are walking in

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newness of life, but it makes that possible. Just because you have been circumcised by the operation of God made without hands so that you can live free of the control of the flesh does not mean you do. But it makes it possible!

We have two aspects – I have the actual physical sign of circumcision. I have the operation of God in spiritual circumcision. There is still a third aspect. This is what keeps coming out in every chapter in Joshua just because you are out of Egypt does not mean you are in Canaan. Just because you are going to heaven does not mean you are living like you are. Over and over and over again, God keeps giving us that lesson.

There are saved people right now committing every sin spoken against in the Bible. You say, how do you know that? Why would God say to people who could not sin anymore, don't do this, don't do that, don't go here, don't go there? Just because I am free from the bondage of my flesh desire me go there does not guarantee I will not choose to go there. Okay? Hebrews 4:12 *For the of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword,* The Lord told Joshua make sharp knives – God has a sharp knife, the Bible. It is your sword of the spirit use it with your brain at the same time.

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

God by His word saved you. God by His word baptized you into Christ. God by His word cut you free from the bondage to your flesh. There are all kinds of terms used for this in the Bible. We *died unto sin* (Romans 6:2). We are *washed* (1 Corinthians 6:9). We are *crucified with Christ* (Galatians 2:20). We are *unblameable and holy* (Colossians 1:22). That is our judicial standing before God by virtue of what God has done for us. All that has to do with eternity. It does not have to do with time. Look at Jude, remember there is the ditch on both sides of this road. You will drive into a ditch trying to do right in the strength and power of your own flesh under the dictates and the dominion of the law. That is an error. Or if you recognize that I am washed; I am risen; I am seated with Christ in heavenly places – therefore, it does not matter what I do or how I live because I am as good as in heaven with the door shut that also is an error.

Jude verse 4. *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of out God into lasciviousness...* Do you know what lasciviousness is? That is unrestrained yielding to the lusts of the flesh. Be careful of people who say: *"We're saved by grace, kept by grace, we are under grace, so it does not matter what you do or how you live – God loves you..."* If the devil can't mess you up putting you in bondage to the law, he will mess you up putting you back in bondage to the lusts of your flesh by trying to make you believe it

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does matter what you do. Why else would we have a Bible? It does matter how you live, what you listen to, what you read, where you go, who you spend time with – why? If you avoid doing right you are going to ruin your life. After death every believer will stand before the Lord Jesus. He will require that they give account of what they did with the life He gave them. He will expect a good return on His investment. (1 Corinthians 3:12)

Joshua 5:1-2 *And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. 2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.* There are within sight of Jericho. They are in the land of seven enemy armies. The Lord did not say when they were on the wilderness side of Jordan; at this time, before you cross over, I want you to circumcise all of those males. They crossed Jordan and then, with the troops on the walls of Jericho looking down in their camp, the Lord said, “Now I want you to circumcise all the males.”

Genesis 34:20-25 *And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, 21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of their be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us. 24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city. 25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.* They could not get up to fight. They were recovering from major surgery without anesthesia. Yet they just came and slaughtered every one of them. Why not circumcise all those males on the wilderness side of Jordan where it was safe? Why cross that river and then in the very presence and sight of your enemies, why then circumcise all those people? Because the only way you and I are ever ceased to be carnally minded and become spiritually minded is if we trust God enough to make ourselves vulnerable.

Are you willing to make yourself vulnerable? Are you willing to risk being hurt in order to have victory?

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How is your testimony around others?

Name _____

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1. Explain the three-fold aspect of Baptism.*

2. What is keeping you from witnessing?

3. Why did God ask Joshua to have all the males circumcised again?

4. What is the typology of the book of Joshua?

5. Why does God have to keep reminding us of our faith in Him over and over again?

6. Why did the people on the Canaan side of the Jordan River laugh and make fun of the Children of Israel?

7. Why did the people in Sodom and Gomorrah poke fun at Lot when he told them that God was getting ready to torch the place as soon as Lot was out?

8. Explain the three-fold aspect of circumcision.*

9. Define lasciviousness?*

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10. Why is it so important to stay in the middle of the road when understanding doctrinal issues?
11. Explain Ephesians 2:2-4?*
12. Explain Colossians 2:9-12?
13. What do you say to people who claim to be sinless?*
14. Why do we need the Bible?*

True/false

- God will require us to use the gift He has given to us freely.
- If you call yourself a Christian, act like one.
- If you do not want to act like a Christian, keep your mouth shut you are hurting the cause of Christ.

**Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back page, Must be in KJV)**

Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 2:15; Hebrews 4:12

any questions?