



## HOMEWORK FOR AUGUST 15

### Sinai: Joshua to Judges

**Joshua 1-6, 13, 23; Judges 1-2, 21; Philippians 2:1-11;  
Matthew 21:1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

### QUESTIONS

- 1) Read Deuteronomy 31:7-8 and Joshua 1:1-9. Why did both Moses and God's commissioning speech start with "be strong and courageous"?
- What does strength mean in this context, what kind of strength does he need to have? What about courage?
- Why does God tell Joshua to both study the Law and follow the Law carefully? What would that bring him? Why?

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- 2) Read Joshua 2:1-14. What does Rahab tell the spies that the people of the land think about God? And how did she respond with faith instead of fear? \_\_\_\_\_

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Looking at Joshua 6:22-25 (and cross-referencing with Hebrews 11:31), why did the Lord spare Rahab's family? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Read Joshua 3:5 and 5:2-5. What does God tell them to do to prepare for battle? How is this different from what most armies do to prepare for battle?

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- 4) Read Judges 1:19-36. How do you think this narrative links the conquest of the promised land with the period of the judges? \_\_\_\_\_

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What reason (in Judges 2:1-3) did God give for not driving all of the people out of the land before them?

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- 5) Read Judges 2:16-23. Describe the repeating cycle of the people's relationship with God in the period of the Judges.

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6) Read Judges 21:24-25. How was the nation of Israel divided once they got to the land? How do you think this affected the way they lived as compared to their time in the wilderness? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) Philippians 2:5-11 gives us a picture of our true King, Jesus. What does this picture tell us about the kind of human king God wanted over his people? \_\_\_\_\_

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8) Matthew 21:1-11 shows us a vignette of Jesus as king arriving in Jerusalem. Was Jesus different than the kind of king the people were expecting? \_\_\_\_\_

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9) Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. If we are ambassadors in God's Kingdom, how is our goal or purpose different than the conquest? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **APPLICATION**

The people of Jesus's day were looking for a deliverer like the days of the Judges because they were being oppressed by Rome the way their ancestors had been oppressed by other nations. They cried "Hosanna!" which means "save us now!" but the people were thinking too small. They were only thinking about deliverance from Rome, but the problem was much deeper than that. The book of Judges shows us why their enemies kept oppressing them – because of Israel's sin, breaking the covenant and worshiping other gods. What they really needed to be rescued from was sin.

Christ was the ultimate deliverer who saved the people from the ultimate oppressor – sin itself. Then He sat on the throne and established His kingdom forever. Instead of dying off like the judges had done, and the cycle of sin and rebellion starting all over again, Jesus became the eternal king who reigned on high forever, always pointing us to back to God the Father and worship of Him alone.

- Reflect on how you honor Christ as king in your life. What does it look like tangibly to live as if Christ is your king? Are there any areas of your life which you haven't submitted to the Lordship of Christ?
- Reflect on how Christ has deliverer you from sin in your life. How has your life changed since you started following Jesus? How has He grown you in spiritual maturity?
- What sins or areas of temptation or struggle do you still need deliverance and healing from? How can you look to Christ for that? What tangible steps do you need to take to trust in Christ to be your deliverer?