

Lessons from the Book of Joshua

The Book of Joshua offers several key lessons for God's remnant church, emphasizing the importance of obedience, trust in God's promises, and the need for unity and separation from worldly influences. These lessons are relevant to Seventh-day Adventists today as they navigate their role as a remnant church.

Obedience to God's Word:

Joshua's success in leading Israel into Canaan was directly linked to their obedience to God's commands, as exemplified by the conquest of Jericho. Several Bible studies emphasize that the Remnant Church must prioritize obedience to God's Word in all aspects of life.

Trusting in God's Promises:

The Israelites' experience at Jericho, where they witnessed God's power in action, highlights the importance of trusting in God's promises, even when facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Some sources suggest that the Remnant Church should rely on God's promises for strength and guidance in their mission.

The Importance of Unity and Discipleship:

The initial unity of the tribes of Israel under Joshua's leadership is a model for the Remnant Church, emphasizing the need for believers to work together and support one another. The importance of making disciples and sharing the gospel is also underscored.

Separation from Worldly Influences:

Joshua's warnings to the Israelites about the dangers of intermingling with the Canaanites and adopting their idolatrous practices highlights the need for the Remnant Church to maintain a distinct identity and avoid being corrupted by worldly influences.

The Reality of Spiritual Warfare:

The battles fought by Joshua and the Israelites illustrate the ongoing spiritual warfare between good and evil. Some resources suggest that the Remnant Church must be prepared for spiritual conflict and rely on God's power to overcome Satan's attacks.

The Danger of Compromise:

The story of Achan's sin at Jericho serves as a cautionary tale, demonstrating the consequences of disobedience and compromise. Some Bible commentaries explain that the Remnant Church must avoid compromise with worldly values and remain steadfast in their commitment to God.

God's Faithfulness:

Throughout the Book of Joshua, God proves to be faithful to His promises, even when the Israelites falter. This faithfulness is a source of encouragement for the Remnant Church, reminding them that God will be with them as they fulfill their mission.

By studying and applying these lessons, the Remnant can be better equipped to fulfill its unique role in God's end-time plan.