

INTRODUCTION: THE PATH OF PERSEVERANCE (Josh.24:19; Judges; see Rom.7:15f; Rev.2,3)

I. JESUS: THE TRUE JUDGE

- A. THE TRUE SACRIFICE** (Heb.9:12; 10:1f; see chps.9,10)
- B. THE TRUE HIGH PRIEST** (Heb.4:14f; 9:11f; see chps.4-9)
- C. THE TRUE PROPHET** (Heb.1:1-3; see Jn.1:1f)
- D. THE TRUE KING** (Lk.1:32f; Acts 2:32f; Eph.1:20f; see Mt.21:5=Zech.9:9)
- E. THE TRUE MOSES** (Heb.3:5f; Jn.1:14,17)
- F. THE TRUE JOSHUA** (Heb.4:8f; see Mt.11:28)
- G. THE TRUE JUDGE** (judges?!; Mt.12:28(Jdgs.13:1f); Col.1:13; Rev.12:1f)

II. THE CHURCH: THE TRUE ISRAEL (Rom.11:17f; Gal.3:29; 6:16)

- A. THE TRUE EXODUS** (Dt.6:23; see Col.1:13)
- B. THE TRUE CONQUEST** (Joshua; Ps.105:44; see Col.3:9,10)
- C. THE TRUE FAILURE** (Jdgs.1:27f; 2:2; see Col.3:5f; 12f)
- D. THE TRUE APOSTACY** (Jdgs.2:11f,etc.!.; see Rom.1:20f; 2Pt.2:12f,21f)
- E. THE TRUE OPPRESSOR** (Jdgs2:3(3:21f); 2:14,15; 3:8,etc.!/Rom.7:14f,23f; Jms.1:14f; see Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:16)
- F. THE TRUE CRY** (Jdgs.2:18b; 3:9,15,etc.!.; see Lk.15:17f; 18:13; Rom.7:24)
- G. THE TRUE DELIVERANCE** (Jdgs,2:18; 3:9,15,etc.!., see Rom.7:25f; 8:1f,11f; Col.3:10b,5f,12f)

III. WARNING & HOPE FOR THE PERSEVERING CHRISTIAN

- A. ISRAEL AS THE PRODIGAL SON** (Jdgs.2:11-18,etc.!.; Lk.15:11f)
- B. JUDGES R US** (Jdgs.2:11f,etc.!.; see Jonah; Rom.7:21-25)
- C. TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!**
 - 1. *picture* (Ex.23:30; Dt.1:21; Jdgs.1:27f; Ps.105:44f; Amos 2:10)
 - 2. *person* (Col.3:5f;12f; Eph.4:25f)
 - 3. *culture* (Mt.5:13f; Lk.13:20f; 2Cor.10:4)
 - 4. *earth* (Gen.1:28; see 2:5f,8f)
- D. WAITING FOR GOOD DAY** (Jdgs.2:11f; Lk.15:11f; see Heb.12:5f; 1Cor.5:5)
- E. THE GOODNESS OF GOD** (Dt.11:26f; 30:1f; see Josh.24:19f; see Ps.106,107,136)
- F. REMEDY FOR NEGLECT** (Dt.30:1f; 7:12f(1f) /Jdgs.1:20; Num.13:30; Josh.14:6f; see Ps.128:1f; Gal.6:9f)
- G. REMEDY FOR PRESUMPTION** (Dt.30:1f; Jdgs.2:11f; Jonah; Rom.1:20f; Heb.12:5f)
- H. REMEDY FOR DESPAIR** (Dt.30:3-5; Jdgs.2:18,etc.!.; Lk.17:3; 15:11f; 2Cor.2:6f)
- I. ALWAYS AND ONLY IN CHRIST** (Jdgs.2:18 /Rom.7:25; Col.1:13a&b; 2:12a&b; 2:20&3:3; 3:9&10; 5f&12f)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest **interest** to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary doctrinal points of this passage? Do you believe these things?
5. What are the primary practical points? Do you do these things?
6. Under "I. JESUS: THE TRUE JUDGE"
 - a. What items were new to you?
 - b. What items are especially precious to you and why?
 - c. How is Christ the true Judge and our Judge?
 - d. Why do the OT judges need a judge themselves?
7. How is the Church like Israel in the time of the judges? (II)
8. How are we as individuals like the people of God in the time of the judges? (II)
9. How are Judges and the parable of The Prodigal Son similar?
10. How are Judges and Jonah similar?
11. How are you to conquer the land
 - a. In your person?
 - b. In your culture? (or sphere of influence)
 - c. On the earth?
12. How does all this give you hope regarding rebellious children or brethren?
13. How does all this impact your thinking and daily life?
14. What is the only way we can "take possession of the land"? (see, especially, the verses in Colossians in III, I)