

SERIES: LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM GOD'S SERVANT, JOSHUA

Lesson #9: "The Lord is Our Portion"

Joshua 21

Announcements and opening prayer



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** Have you ever had to wait for something and trust that someday it would happen? What was it?

Transition: God promised to take care of those set apart to serve Him.

The Bottom Line: The Levites were God's servants and had a special dwelling place.

LESSON PLAN



Denotes "Apply"

Read Joshua 13:13

1. What land did Moses promise to the Levites, the priests of God, when the great campaign into Canaan was over?

Question: How would you feel if you knew that you were expected to work really hard, risk your life for God and in the end, everyone received great rewards but you?

Question: What was so special about God being their inheritance rather than a portion of the land to live on and possess?

Question: What were some the various ways the Levites served God?

Read Numbers 1:44-54

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2. What was unique about God's relationship with the Levites after leaving Egypt?

Read Numbers 8:5-26

3. How did God provide for the work and retirement of the Levite priests?

⌚ Do you think God expects those who give their life in service to Him to be taken care of today? How does that happen? How does that NOT happen?

Read 2 Chronicles 5:2-6; 11-14

4. Describe the Levite Band gathered for the dedication of Solomon's Temple for God.

⌚ Why do you think music has always played a vital role before God?

So, now we have seen the special purpose God has assigned to the tribe of Levi, those who would be His priests to minister in the temple and dedicate their lives to serving and creating worship and teaching. Now let's see why God has not promised them any of the land in Canaan.

Read Joshua 21:1-3

5. Wait, I thought they were not promised land in Canaan. What's the deal?

They did not have a portion, like a state or country set aside for them like the other 11 tribes. However, they were promised that they would have land for their own. However, that land was not in one place. God had the people from all the tribes give rich pasturelands and towns to their priests. Again we see God is using the people to provide for those who dedicate their lives in service to Him. Throughout chapter 21 we see how God accomplished the task.)

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Read Joshua 21:41-45

6. How many towns gave part of the land and pastures to the Levites?
7. Describe the faithfulness of God to those who followed Joshua and trusted God.



Interactive Teaching Ideas: ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then share the results from each table. If you don't have tables, simply divide into groups for this part of the lesson. (List the results on the board)

- What promises to us have been fulfilled by God?
- What promises does God have to yet fulfill for us?
- What sins in our life can stand in the way of God's promises being fulfilled?
- How would you tell an unbeliever about the incredible promises God has and will fulfill in your life?



Going Deeper/Homework:

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).