Joshua 4 of 5

Chapters 9 and 10

Self reliance; a warning to leaders

and

**The Sovereignty and Grace of God?**

What is the context?

Joshua Ch 8;30 to end. Renewed covenant.

Consider the reason for this – and who was present

Chapters 9 & 10

Last week the passage (ch 7) was bookended by God's anger.

This week, it is bookended by a description of enemies and conflict: Ch 9; 1-2 and Ch 10; 42-43

**Chapter 9**

In Ch 9;1 and 2 What is the difference in attitude of the enemies and why could this be?

What motivated the Gibeonites to"resort to a ruse"? (v22 to 24)

What was the mistake of Joshua and the leaders of Israel? (v14)

Who should have taken responsibility? (Numbers 27;18-21)

What does that teach us about how we make judgments and decisions?

What was the reaction of the Israelites as a whole? (v 17 & v26)

What did the leaders do and why? (v20). Compare Deuteronomy 7;1-9, 20;10-13 and 29;11 and Joshua 9;20 – 23

How does that help us understand the principles of ‘Covenant’?

What happens next?

**Chapter 10**

What is the difference in attitude between the king of Jerusalem and the Gibeonites? What might this tell us about their motivation?

Consider Chapter 9: What references are there to ‘The Lord’ in Chapter 9, compared to the earlier chapters of Joshua and now in Chapter 10 (v8, 10, 11, 12, 14)?

What might this tell us about what has been happening in Chapter 9, and God’s action/inaction?

What does that tell us about God’s longing for all peoples to know Him and serve Him? Eg

Eph 3;14 Phil 2;10 Romans 14;11

**Consider:**

James 4;10

Luke 13;5

Acts 2;38

**Privilege and responsibility**...

We are called, commissioned, charged to bring this good news to the world in which we live, to lay down our lives in sacrifice to Him who has given everything for us...

What can we do about it? This week?

Who will you share be accountable with to help us all act on God’s promises?