

“We make war that we may live in peace.” - Aristotle

Series Recap:

The book of Joshua is a divine call to courage by seeing God’s faithfulness as He grows His kingdom through His people.

The Kingdom of God is the reign of Christ the King in the lives of His kingdom people which grows extensively (broader) and intensively (deeper). - Randy Pope

Book of Joshua Outline

- Prologue - calling of Joshua (ch 1)
- Entering the land (ch 2-5)
- Taking the land (ch 6-12)
- Dividing the land (ch 13-21)
- Epilogue - farewell of Joshua (ch 22-24)

Haste leads to waste.

Prayer leads to progress.

Joshua 10:1-15

Fight for Peace (10:1-15)

- Alliance of Opposition (10:1-5)
- Gibeon’s Request (10:6)
- God’s Provision (10:7-15)

Historicity of the Book of Joshua

- Archeology
- Accuracy

Ethical issue of war in the Book of Joshua

Deuteronomy 20:16-18

Genesis 15:16

For each sermon in this series ask yourself these three questions:

1. Is there a command for me to obey?
2. Is there an example for me to follow?
3. Is there a principle for me to apply?

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you respond to a critic saying, “The God of The Old Testament is an angry, violent, and uncaring (of human life) God, but Jesus is a peaceful, pacifist who cared deeply about people.”
2. Why do Christians justify the violence called for in the book of Joshua but condemn the violence called for in the Quran (the holy book of Islam)?
3. What kind of reasonable defense would you make for someone questioning the historicity of the miraculous in the Book of Joshua (ex. parting of the waters in chapters 3-4, the battle of Jericho in chapter 6, the sun standing still in chapter 10, etc)?
4. What questions do you have regarding the book of Joshua? Would you like to participate in a post-series Q&A?