

Sermon Notes – January 12, 2020

[#6] *Great is God's Faithfulness*

Joshua 5:2–12

Children's Sermon: A Covenant of Love

What would you do if someone was trying to hurt your brother or sister?
Getting married...

Acts 9:4

And falling to the ground, [Saul] heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, *why are you persecuting me?*"

Does Jesus care about his people?

Big Picture

Notes:

II. Taking the Land (5:13–12:24)

A. Covenant Renewal (5:2–8:35)

1. Signs of the Covenant (5:2–12)

a. Circumcision (2–9)

b. Passover (10–12)

2. The Battle Belongs to the LORD

a. Captain of the LORD's Army (5:13–15)

b. The Destruction of Jericho (6:1–27)

c. Covenant Disobedience (7:1–26)

d. The Destruction of Ai (8:1–29)

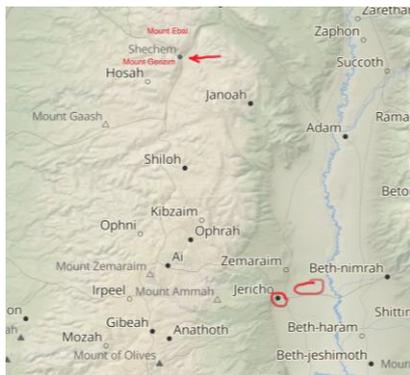
3. Covenant Affirmations (8:30–35)

B. The Gibeonite Treaty (9:1–27)

C. Southern Campaign (10:1–43)

D. Northern Campaign (11:1–23)

E. List of Conquered Kings & Land (12:1–24)



Main Point:

Remember to whom you belong.
(The faithful, all powerful God)



Signs of the Covenant of Grace (5:2–12)

Illustration: My marriage ring...

I. Remember the God who Promised Abraham (5:2-9)

Genesis 17:6–14

¹¹ You shall be *circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins*, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ...

¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

ESV Study Bible “Circumcision... creates a mark that would not normally be visible to others. The nature of the **sign** suggests that it was intended to focus attention on the importance of Abraham’s offspring, the royal line through which blessing would come.” ⁱ

A. Command & Obedience (2-3)

² At that time **the LORD said to Joshua**, “Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time.” ³ So **Joshua** made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at *Gibeath-haaraloth (the hill of the foreskins)*.

B. Explanation: Why did they need to be circumcised? (4-7)

⁴ And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: ... ⁶ For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD; **the LORD swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey**. ⁷ *So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised*. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

Exodus 4:24–25 (Comparison with Moses)

²⁴ At a lodging place on the way the LORD met [Moses] and sought to put him to death. ²⁵ Then Zipporah took *a flint* and cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it and said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!”

CSB Study Bible “Moses’s failure to circumcise his son shows that Moses had not been acting like a member of the covenant community, a serious offense.” ⁱⁱ

ESV Study Bible “Not only has the Lord remembered his covenant promises (Ex. 2:24), but his people are also called to remember the conditions of the covenant.” ⁱ

C. Recovery (8)

D. Significance (9)

⁹ And **the LORD said** to Joshua, “*Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you*.” And so the name of that place is called **Gilgal** to this day.

Deuteronomy 9:27–29 (Cf. Ex. 32:12; Num. 14:13–16)

²⁷ Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not regard the stubbornness of this people, or their wickedness or their sin, ²⁸ *lest the land from which you brought us say, “Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the land that he promised them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness.”* ²⁹ For they are your people and your heritage, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.’

Deuteronomy 10:14–16

¹⁴ Behold, *to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.* ¹⁵ *Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.* ¹⁶ *Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.*



Fully embrace your covenant with Yahweh

II. Remember the Passover & Keep the Feast (5:10-12)

¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, *they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.* ¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, *they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.* ¹² And *the manna ceased* the day after *they ate of the produce of the land*. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but *they ate of the fruit of the land* of Canaan that year.



Exodus 12:13–15 (Cf. Ex. 12:48 – must be circumcised...)

¹³ **The blood shall be a sign for you**, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ “This day shall be for you *a memorial day*, and you shall *keep it as a feast to the LORD*; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall *keep it as a feast*. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, *that person shall be cut off from Israel*.

These Signs are More Clearly for Us

I. We have been Circumcised...Embrace the Covenant

Deuteronomy 30:5–6

⁵ And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶ And *the Lord your God will circumcise your heart* and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.



Colossians 2:11–15

¹¹ In him also you were *circumcised with a circumcision made without hands*, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the *uncircumcision of your flesh*, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**We are covenantally united with Jesus,
let us fully entrust ourselves to him!**

II. Remember Our Passover Lamb & Keep the Feast

1 Corinthians 5:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a **new lump**, since you truly are unleavened. **For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.** ⁸ Therefore let us **keep the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of *malice and wickedness*, but **with the unleavened bread** of sincerity and truth.



**In light of our Passover Lamb,
let us give ourselves to our new creation lives!**

III. What does this have to do with the Sacraments/Ordinances?

ⁱ Crossway Bibles. (2008). [The ESV Study Bible](#) (p. 80). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

ⁱⁱ Coover-Cox, D. G. (2017). [Exodus](#). In E. A. Blum & T. Wax (Eds.), *CSB Study Bible: Notes* (p. 96). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.