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Joshua: Strength and Courage

God Cares for His People

Joshua 20-21

Joshua 20-21 finishes the division of the land among the tribes of Israel. The final allotment is the allotment of specific cities to the tribe of Levi, which are scattered throughout the land of Israel. Six specific cities are designated as cities of refuge. These Levitical cities demonstrate God's pastoral and judicial care for His people.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 4:10, 9:6, 34, 49:1-7	Exodus 21:23-25	Numbers 35
Deuteronomy 17:8-9	Ezekiel 34:1-24	
Romans 13:1-7	1 Peter 5:1-5	

Outline:

1. God's pastoral care for His people.

2. God's judicial care for His people.

To protect life

To restrain sin

To establish law

Study Questions:

1. How does God fulfill the blessing placed on the Levites in Genesis 49:5-7? How does this become a blessing to the nation?

2. Why are the Levites scattered throughout Israel? How are the Levites to provide pastoral care for God's people? How do pastors fulfill this role today?

3. Why does God provide cities of refuge? What does this tell us about God's character? How do these cities reveal God's moral law?

4. Why is the word go'el translated avenger of blood and kinsman redeemer? How is Jesus both?

5. What does it look like to have rest on every side? How does Jesus ultimately fulfill this promise?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?