

No Stone Left Unturned

Part One - What Do These Stones Mean?

Joshua 4:1-3, 6-7, 21-24

When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, 2 “Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. 3 Tell them, ‘Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.’” 6 “We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’” 7 Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.” 21 Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’” 22 Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ 23 For the LORD your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. 24 He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD’s hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever.”

God expects us to turn moments into memorials.

Deuteronomy 6:12

...be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

What do These Stones Mean?

1. We are to remember what God has done.

Isaiah 46:9

Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me.

1 Peter 2:5

And now you are living stones being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Revelation 12:1

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

2. We are to remember that God is all powerful.

Jeremiah 32:17

Oh, Lord GOD! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You!

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

1 Corinthians 2:5

I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

Psalm 20:7

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

3. We are to remember to fear the Lord.

Psalm 34:9

Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Matthew 10:28

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Fearing God requires us to hate evil, resist pride, conduct ourselves properly and watch our words.

Proverbs 8:13

To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate arrogant pride, evil conduct, and perverse speech.

Fearing God requires us to learn God's Word and live it out.

Psalm 112:1

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in his commandments.

Fearing God requires us to serve God's purpose and live to worship Him.

Psalm 2:11

Serve the LORD with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Fearing God protects us.

Psalm 19:23

The fear of the LORD leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

A new generation is asking, “What do these stones mean?”

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.