

Forward: Claiming the Life God Gave You
Joshua 13:8-21:45 Part 1
The Danger of Insubordination Toward God

Four Examples of Israel's Insubordination Toward God in Joshua 13:8-21:45:

- (1) The eastern tribes failed to obey God and drive out the Geshurites and the Maacathites. (13:12-13)
- (2) Judah and Benjamin both failed to drive out the Jebusites. (15:63)
- (3) Instead of driving the people out, Ephraim disobeyed God and put the people of Gezer into forced labor. (16:10)
- (4) The western tribe of Manasseh not only disobeyed God and put the Canaanites on their lands into forced labor but they lacked the faith to fight them. (17:12-18)

Conclusion: The terrible consequence of Israel's insubordination toward God was that they never truly enjoyed the prosperity God offered them. (Judges 2:1-3, 11-15)

Universal Biblical Truth: When we are insubordinate towards God, we are simultaneously choosing sin and its _____ as our reality. (Romans 1:28-32, Galatians 5:16-17a, 19-21)

Challenge: Are you rationalizing your insubordination towards God because there doesn't seem to be any negative _____ for it at this time, or are you actively combatting it so that you can live in the experience of His life?

Application - Five Biblical keys for combatting our tendency of insubordination towards God:

- (1) _____ letting the world define your morality, ethics, priorities, value and purpose and instead define all of it by God's Word! (Joshua 1:8, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12)
- (2) Don't _____ yourself for failure! (John 3:17, Romans 8:1-4)
- (3) _____ with the conviction of the Holy Spirit and follow Him. (John 16:8, Romans 8:6-9, Galatians 5:16)
- (4) Don't hide your sin, _____ it to God and trusted friends who love Jesus. (Proverbs 28:13, John 8:10-11, James 5:16, 1 John 1:8-10,)
- (5) Make the _____ of your life living in His righteousness so that the experience of His peace and joy contrasts with the experience of sin. (Philippians 4:8-9, 2 Peter 1:5-10)