

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 101 – April 11

Today's Readings:

Joshua 11 & 12

Psalm 44.4-19

Proverbs 14.1-2

Luke 10.25-42

1. How do the kings of the north respond to the news of Israel's victories, In Joshua 11.1-5? What action do they take to resist Israel's advance, and what alliances do they form in their efforts to oppose God's people?
2. Consider the role of God's intervention in the battles against the coalition of kings, as described in verses 6-9. How does God demonstrate his sovereignty and power by giving Israel victory over their enemies?
3. Reflect on Joshua's obedience to God's command to hamstring the horses and burn the chariots, as described in verses 6 and 9. What significance does this act hold in terms of trusting in God's provision and rejecting reliance on human strength or military might?
4. Discuss the fulfillment of God's promise to give Israel victory over the Canaanite nations, as described in verses 16-20. How do the conquests described in this chapter demonstrate God's faithfulness to his covenant with Abraham and his descendants?
5. Reflect on the summary of Joshua's military campaigns and the extent of Israel's conquests, as described in verses 21-23. How does the completion of these conquests mark the fulfillment of God's promise to give Israel possession of the land of Canaan?

6. What is the significance of the listing of the kings defeated by Moses on the east side of the Jordan River, in Joshua 12.1-6? How does this serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness in fulfilling his promises to Israel?

7. Reflect on the kings defeated by Joshua on the west side of the Jordan River, as described in verses 7-24. How does this comprehensive list highlight the extent of Israel's conquests and the fulfillment of God's covenant with his people?

8. Reflect on the significance of Joshua's obedience to God's command to utterly destroy the inhabitants of the land, as described in verses 7 and 24. How does this obedience reflect Israel's commitment to honoring God's judgment and executing his justice?

9. Discuss the importance of remembering and recording the victories won by God's hand, as described in verses 9 and 24. How does the detailed account of these conquests serve as a testament to God's faithfulness and a reminder of his mighty acts on behalf of his people?

10. How does the psalmist recount the past victories and deliverances wrought by God on behalf of Israel, as described in Psalm 44.4-8? How do these historical references serve as a source of confidence and hope in the face of present adversity?

11. Consider the psalmist's lament over Israel's current situation of defeat and humiliation, as described in verses 9-16. How does the psalmist express feelings of abandonment and rejection by God, despite their continued faithfulness and loyalty to him?

12. Reflect on the psalmist's plea for God's intervention and deliverance in verses 17-19. How does the psalmist appeal to God's character as a compassionate and merciful God, and what hope does he find in the prospect of God's salvation and restoration?

13. What does Proverbs 14.1 teach us about the impact of wise and foolish actions on the household? How does the wise woman build up her house, while the foolish one tears it down with her own hands?

14. Consider the contrast between the paths of the upright and the ways of the devious in verse 2. How does the fear of the Lord lead to walking in righteousness and integrity, while the crookedness of the wicked leads to destruction and ruin?

15. Reflect on the theme of moral character and its influence on individual behavior and outcomes in verses 1-2. How does the wise pursuit of righteousness and godliness lead to blessings and prosperity, while the folly of wickedness and deceit results in ruin and calamity?

16. What prompts the expert in the law to test Jesus with a question about inheriting eternal life, as described in Luke 10.25-29? How does Jesus respond to the man's question, and what does his answer reveal about the requirements for inheriting eternal life?

17. Consider the parable of the Good Samaritan in verses 30-37. How does Jesus use this story to challenge the expert in the law's understanding of neighborly love and compassion? What lessons does the parable teach us about the true meaning of loving our neighbors as ourselves?

18. Reflect on the encounter between Jesus and Martha in verses 38-42. What contrasts do we see between Martha's busyness and Mary's posture of sitting at Jesus' feet? How does Jesus commend Mary's choice of prioritizing spiritual nourishment over worldly distractions?

19. Discuss Jesus' rebuke of Martha's anxiety and distraction in verses 41-42. What does Jesus teach us about the importance of choosing the "better" portion, which Mary has chosen, and how does this apply to our your life and priorities?

20. Reflect on the broader theme of discipleship and the call to love God and neighbor in verses 25-42. How do these various encounters illustrate the central importance of loving God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and loving our neighbor as ourselves?
21. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?