Lecture 11 – Joshua & Judges: Living Covenantally?

He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy; he gave them the lands of the nations.... Psalm 105:43-44

Key Terms
Covenant

Objective
To evaluate Israel during the time of Joshua and the Judges in the context of their covenant relationship with God

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I. Joshua
   A. Appointed
      1. Moses' aide (Joshua 1:1); fought Amalekites (Exodus 17:9); spy from Ephraim (Numbers 13:8, 16)
      2. Moses' successor (Numbers 27:12-23)
   B. Confirmed
      1. By God (Joshua 1:2-9)
      2. Assurances (Joshua 1:2-9)
      3. Stipulations (Joshua 1:2-9)
      4. Confronted by Greater Joshua (Joshua 5)
   C. Mediator
      1. Conqueror – in spite of failings (Joshua 6-13)
      2. Divider of inheritance (Joshua 14-22)
      3. Rest giver (Joshua 23:1)
      4. Covenant renewer (Joshua 23:2-24:33)
      5. Type of Christ
         a. Name
         b. Royal task

II. Judges
   A. Crucial period of Israel’s history
      1. Inheritances to be claimed (Judges 1)
      2. Enemies not conquered [Judges 1, 2 (especially 2:1-5 and 3:1-6)]
      3. Evil practiced
         a. Baal worship (Judges 2:10-13)
         b. Inter-marriage [Judges 3:6 (contrasted with Deuteronomy 7)]
         c. Violence (Judges 9, 19, 20)
      4. The testing of Israel (Judges 3:1)
      5. What of covenantal stipulations and promises?
   B. Divinely appointed
      1. As deliverers – they royal mediatorial position
      2. Restrictions
         a. Locally
         b. Temporally
         c. Non-dynastic
   C. Role of king implied (Judges 19:1; 21:25)