

THE GOD ON THE MOVE IS SUPERNATURAL

PREAMBLE

In the month of March we continue with the theme, "God is on the Move." This God on the move is supernatural. His deeds defy our normal expectations. He is a miracle worker. In this series of we highlight some of the wonders, and as we approach the Easter season we celebrate the ultimate miracle of the Pascal Lamb—Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

STUDY ONE

WEEK OF 28TH FEB

WHEN THE SUN STANDS STILL

Introduction:

Our God is a supernatural God. When He moves He sometimes does things which are beyond our natural comprehension. We should never limit Him to only what is possible for us.

Read: Joshua 10:1-43

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. What did the king of Jerusalem hear about Joshua and Israel?
2. Why were the king and his people very much alarmed?
3. What did the king do about the situation?
4. Who were the five kings of the Amorites?
5. What did the kings do about the Gibeonites?
6. How did the Gibeonites respond?
7. How did Joshua respond to save the Gibeonites?
8. What did the LORD say to Joshua?
9. How actively was the LORD involved in the battles?
10. What did Joshua do on the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel?

11. What happened to the sun on that day?¹
12. What was extraordinary about this miracle?
13. What happened to the five Amorite kings?
14. What other cities did Joshua conquer after he had killed the five kings?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

15. What miracles do you see in this passage?
16. How holy are the wars we see in this passage?
17. How different are Joshua's wars from those in the world today?
18. What is your understanding of the statement of verse 14?

Application:

19. What miracle stands out for you in your church, family or personal life?

Memory Verse:

Joshua 10:13b-14

"The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel."

(NIV)

Joshua 10:13b-14

¹ The Book of Jashar is an early account of Israel's wars (cf. 2 Sam. 1:18). The record has, however, been lost.

GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN

[Review of Last Week's Memory Verse: Joshua 10:13b-14]

Introduction:

Age is not a limitation in serving the Lord. The issue is, what is your vision. Holy ambition is accepted for our lives, our church, and the course of Christ. Have you stopped growing?

Read: Joshua 14:6-15

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. Who approached Joshua at Gilgal?
2. What did the son of Jephunneh accomplish at the age of 40?
3. What did Moses swear to Caleb?
4. How did Caleb justify his demand for the hill country?
5. What response did he get from Joshua?
6. Why was Hebron given to Caleb?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

7. Why did Joshua go to the rescue of the Gibeonites who previously deceived him?
8. How does this passage demonstrate the challenges and benefits of trusting and waiting on the Lord?
9. What can you find out about Hebron?

Application:

10. What holy ambition are you seeking God about?

Memory Verse:

Joshua 14:12

"Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said. "

(NIV)

Joshua 14:12

THE CITIES OF REFUGE

[Review of Last Week's Memory Verse: Joshua 14:12]

Introduction:

Truly the Lord has become our refuge. For the Israelites, He had well marked cities where the guilty could run and receive hope and justification. We too can run to the Lord.

Read: Joshua 20:1-9

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. What did the LORD instruct Joshua to tell the Israelites?
2. Why were the Israelites instructed to do so?
3. What was a fugitive supposed to do on arrival to a city of refuge?
4. What were the elders to do for the fugitive?
5. For how long was the fugitive to stay in the city of refuge?
6. Which cities were designated as cities of refuge?
7. How were non-Israeli fugitives to be dealt with?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

8. Who is the avenger of blood?
9. Were the cities of refuge protecting criminals or facilitating justice? Explain.
10. How did the decision to designate particular cities as 'cities of refuge' arrived at?
11. Why does justice seem to be predicated to the life of the high priest?

Application:

12. How is your life like that of a fugitive in the city of refuge?

Memory Verse:

Joshua 20:1-3

"Then the LORD said to Joshua: 'Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood.'"

(NIV)

Joshua 20:1-3

THE PASCAL LAMB

[Review of Last Week's Memory Verse: Joshua 20:1-3]

Introduction:

This week we take a break from the book of Joshua to celebrate the Pascal Lamb.

Read: Exodus 12:1-28

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. What did the LORD say to Moses and Aaron in Egypt?
2. What part were the people to play?
3. What was the LORD going to do in the night?
4. What was Moses' responsibility regarding the lambs?
5. How were the people to deal with the lambs?
6. Why were they to eat the meat in haste?
7. What was the LORD going to do in the night?
8. How were the Israelites instructed to commemorate that day as a lasting ordinance?
9. Was anybody excluded from the ordinance? Explain.
10. What would protect the people from the destroyer?
11. How were the Israelites to explain the meaning of the ceremony to their children?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

12. Why is this Old Testament story important to us?
13. How is Passover celebrated today?
14. How is the Pascal Lamb related to the death of Jesus on the cross?
15. Why is it important for Christians to celebrate the Passover?

Application:

16. How much do you see your spiritual situation resembling that of the Israelites in Egypt?

Memory Verse:

Exodus 12:26-27

"And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.' Then the people bowed down and worshiped."

(NIV)

Exodus 12:26-27

THE STRANGER ON THE MOVE

[Review of Last Week's Memory Verse: Exodus 12:26-27]

Introduction:

Even death could not stop Him. He has the power of resurrection. He is the way the truth and the life. He is on the move. Will you follow Him? Will you trust Him? Will you obey Him?

Read: Luke 24:13-35

Observation: (To answer these questions, please stick to the text you have read.)

1. How many people were walking towards Emmaus?
2. What were Cleopas and his companion talking about?
3. Why did the two not recognize Jesus?
4. What did they tell the stranger?
5. Why did Jesus deem them as foolish and slow of heart?
6. What did Jesus explain to them?
7. What did the two urge Jesus to do?
8. What happened when Jesus was at the table with the two?
9. What did they recall when they realized it was Jesus who had been with them?
10. How did they respond to the realization?

Interpretation: (To answer these questions, feel free to refer to other relevant passages in the Bible to make your point.)

11. Why were the two people going to Emmaus?
12. Why did the resurrected Jesus appear to these two people?
13. Why do you think the two referred to Jesus as a prophet in their conversation?
14. What is your understanding of the statement that "*their eyes were opened*"?

Application:

15. How, if at all, is your life experience or that of your church, similar to that of the two who were going to Emmaus?

Memory Verse:

Luke 24:30-31

"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight."

(NIV)

Luke 24:30-31