

**Sermon Series: *Joshua: Power of God* Sermon Title: *Celebrate the Victories of God* Scripture: Joshua 5** Pastor Chris Fritz Sunday, March 15, 2020

**INTRODUCTION**

*1 Samuel 17:32-37 -*

**I. OUR REPROACH HAS BEEN REMOVED (verses 1-9)**

Note: It’s NOT time to attack; it’s time to be circumcised!

**1) The Risk**

Note: God desires Israel’s trust as well as their obedience! *(Proverbs 3:5-7; Psalm 19:7)*

Note: Trusting God/following Christ will OFTEN put you in a vulnerable and needy position which, by the way, is EXACTLY where God wants you! *(2 Corinthians 12:9)*

**2) The Reason**

Note: Circumcision was a mark of identification and separation; it was never a means of salvation!

Note: God is not ultimately concerned with circumcision of the flesh but circumcision of the heart!

*Jeremiah 4:4; Matthew 15:7-8; James 4:8; Philippians 3:3 -*

**3) The Response**

*John 14:15 -*

**4) The Rolling-Away**

Note: As believers, we don’t point to Gilgal but to Golgotha where Jesus Christ took away our reproach, died for sins, rescued us from slavery, and secured ultimate victory.

**II. OUR REDEMPTION MUST BE REMEMBERED (verses 10-12)**

**1) The NEED to Celebrate the Passover!**

**2) The NOURISHMENT After the Passover!**

Note: God’s provision is often not miraculous and so it often goes unseen and unnoticed.

**III. OUR REIGNING REDEEMER IS TO BE REVERENCED (verses 13-15)**

**1) The Man with the DRAWN sword**

Note: If Joshua does indeed reverence/worship this “Person” then this must be God!

*Jude 14; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Exodus 15:3 -*

**2) The man with the BOLD question.**

Note: God’s not going to align with us or submit to us; we must align with and submit to Him!

*1 John 5:4-5 -*

**3) The right REVERENT response.**

Note: Here’s what we see from Joshua: worship, adoration, and obedience.

**Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…**

1. Can you think of some instances when God, in times past, has demonstrated His goodness and faithfulness to you? How can these instances strengthen you for trials and difficulties that you may face this week?
2. Why did God command this generation of Israelites to be circumcised? How would this put the nation of Israel in a vulnerable place? How did Joshua and the people respond?
3. Why does trusting God and following Him often put us in vulnerable and needy positions? Why does God often desire this for His people? What is the lesson we should learn?
4. What was the “reproach of Egypt” (verse 9) that God rolled away? Where is our sin, shame, and reproach removed and rolled away?
5. Why did the manna stop when they began to eat the produce of the land? Why did God stop providing food for them in this way?
6. Who was this “man” that Joshua met by Jericho? Why was his sword drawn?
7. What response did Joshua have to this individual? What can we learn from this interaction?