

Lessons from Two tribes

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Introduction

1. Numbers 32:1-3
2. The children of Israel were about to go into the land of promise, but some of them wanted to stay on this side of the Jordan
3. The reason was that it was good place for the cattle. verse 4; Genesis 13:7-10
4. Moses tells them they must go over and fight with their brethren Numbers 32:6-19; 20-27
5. Within this situation there are many lessons that we need to learn and apply to our lives.
6. What are these lesson, let us notice a few.

II Discussion

1. We must work together verse 6
 1. When one works by himself he can become very discouraged Ecclesiastes 4:12
 1. The Lord sent works out two by two Luke 10:1
 2. On the missionary journeys they had traveling companions Acts 13ff
 2. When we are divided we cannot stand Matthew 12:25
 1. Half the people in one place the other half in another would cause some to stop fighting verse 33
 2. Mother taught me a lesson in checkers that is a good one to learn; when the opens is divided split the two checkers.
 3. The work is easier when everyone does their part Nehemiah 4:6
 4. When we work together with the Lord's help we win Philippians 4:13
2. We are to learn from those who have gone before us verses 7-14
 1. They were doing the same as their fathers had 40 years before verse 7-15
 2. We need to learn from these people and all people who are recorded in history Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11
3. We learn that our sins will find us out verse 23
 1. All have sinned Romans 3:23
 2. Some one paid the price for our sins Romans 6:23; Hebrews 10:12
 3. All sin will be know whether in secret or not Ecclesiastes 12:14
 4. We must learn to forgive others to be forgiven Matthew 6:14-15
4. We learn that we ought to return kindness with kindness
 1. Ruben and Gad had received help in taking their land now they needed to help the others take their lands.
 2. This is as it should be for us Matthew 7:12

III Conclusion

1. Moses showed them their potential sin and the danger of it, and brought them to their duty with murmuring or disputing.
2. We need to learn this lesson as well
3. We need to work for the Lord not for ourselves.
4. We need the promised land and we all ought to help each other and stay out of sin!

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