

## The Sin of Quitting

Joshua 12-13, 16-19

- I. What God promises: God provides us power if we follow through (Joshua 12-13).
- A. Past Power: God had already cleared out 31 (33) kings for Israel to occupy their land (Joshua 12).
  - B. Present Power: God promised to drive out remaining Canaanites as each tribe pursued them (Joshua 13).
    - 1. Each tribe was to finish the job of conquering and occupying their allotted land (13:1-7 –Inheritance of the two and a half tribes east of Jordan 13:8-32)
    - 2. Caleb from the tribe of Judah finished taking his land [Joshua 14:6-15:63 – previous study].
      - ✓ **God is seeking to engage His power in what we are asked to do.**
      - ✓ **To accomplish things for God we must trust God and obediently follow through.**
- II. Why we fail to finish: Any excuse for not following through is disobedience (Joshua 15-19; James 4:17).
- ✓ Many tribes failed to drive out the Canaanites (Joshua 15:63; 16:10; 17:12-16; 19:47).
  - A. **Money**: Some tribes forced the Canaanites to work for them instead of driving them out (Joshua 16:10; 17:12-13; Judges 1:34-35).
  - B. **Laziness/Difficulty**: Some wanted more land but did not want to *clear the timber* where the Perizzites lived in the hills and complained about the *iron chariots* of the Canaanites in the plains (Joshua 17:14-18).
  - C. **Procrastination**: Many tribes *delayed* pursuing their allotments (Joshua 18:1-10; Judges 1:34; Judges 18:1).