

## Introduction

This lesson tells of the faithfulness and the victories of a faithful group of God's people. These soldiers were being allowed to return home after many battles winning the land God had promised to Israel. It is interesting to note how God told the soldiers to conquer the land. On several occasions they were told to kill all the people of the enemy population. Today we hear about the shame of killing citizens of a land. This talk comes from people who do not know much about war, and I would think they know very little about the bible.

### 1. Settled from the Faithfulness Recognized As the . . Promises were Kept. 22:1-3

In all relationships it is best for people to keep their promises. This is especially true when those promises are centered with God and his people. It is most disappointing when God's people have to be sited for going astray. In our text Joshua was delighted to be able to praise these people, and confirm what they all knew about their faithfulness in the keeping of the commands Moses had given them as he passed them on from the Lord. Being faithful is always a good feeling and especially when your leader recognizes it.

### 2. Settled As An Ongoing . . Responsibility. 22:4-5

These soldiers were well grounded in their homes on the East side of the Jordan River that was not part of the promise land. They had been faithful in helping the other tribes of Israel accomplish what the Lord had told them to do. So the good Lord had blessed them and now they receive a five fold command, 1) To love the Lord your God, 2) To walk in all His ways, 3) Keep His commandments, 4) Cleave to Him, and, 5) Serve Him with all your heart and soul. Those reminders should help them to be under the Lord's teachings. They knew that was the way for them and their families to be blessed.

### 3. Settled As Joshua Gives A Welcomed . . Blessing. 22:6-8

Joshua further blessed these soldiers and sent them on their way. He told them they had much riches as he listed the riches as cattle, silver, gold, brass, iron, and clothing. He further told them to share these blessings gained from the spoil of their enemies with their brothers. This is another example of how God blesses the faithfulness of His people. These men had risk their lives as they served the Lord in these battles with their brothers while battling for the promised land. No doubt they told many stories about their battles and victories they enjoyed as they served in this way. Children heard many stories of how God blessed and protected His soldiers during these battles and had given them victories. The Lord had promised the Land to Israel and now they were possessing it. This was a *Settled* matter. Amen? Amen! (To check for a more detailed outline. Go to: <http://www.preachhim.org/SundaySchoolIndex.html>)