

Conditions for Continued Settlement

In much the same way that we understand there are examples of modern day conditional influences all around us today... God gave conditions for the Israelites, in order for them to enjoy continued success and settlement in the land he promised them.

In the book of Joshua, He is basically reiterating this message directly to Joshua after the death of Moses – which he had originally given to the people through Moses as recorded starting in Deuteronomy 27.

Conditions for Israel

Three Themes

1. Joshua 1:8

[8] “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

1. Study to know God's will

2. Joshua 22:5,

[5] “Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

2. Love God and serve him, keeping His commands

3. Joshua 23:6-16

[6] “Be very firm, then, to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, [7] so that you will not associate with these nations, these which remain among you, or mention the name of their gods, or make anyone swear by them, or serve them, or bow down to them.

3. Do not turn away from the Lord after useless idols

Duration of Conditions

- Joshua 23:8-13

Consequences

- Judges 2:13-15
- II Kings 24:10-14

Unchanging

Change indicates a variance from one point in time to another, an end and a beginning. God is eternal. Change must show a difference. When talking about God's nature, it would require that he became better or worse, but we know that he is perfect and cannot tolerate evil.

Eternal Jehovah

- Hebrews 1:10-12
- James 1:16, 17

New Covenant

- Hebrews 8:7-10

[10] "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

1. I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,
2. AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.
3. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,

AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

The New Nation

- 1 Peter 2:4-10

Conditions Reflected for Christians

1. Study to know God's will
 - 2 Timothy 2:15
 - 1 John 2:3-7
2. Love God and serve him, keeping His commands
 - 1 John 5:1-4
3. Do not turn away from the Lord after useless idols
 - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 - 2 Peter 1:1-11
 - 2 Peter 2:17-20

God's Promise

When we follow his will in obedient faith, when we choose to continue abiding in Christ, He promises us the assurance of Salvation

- 1 John 5:5-12
- 1 John 1:5-9

God's Unchanging Expectations

1. Study to know God's will
2. Love God and serve him, keeping His commands
3. Do not turn away from the Lord after useless idols