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Today's Text: Joshua 18:1-10

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Joshua 18

¹And the **whole** congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at **Shiloh**, and set up **the tabernacle** of the **congregation** there. And the land was subdued before them.

- The tabernacle was **ornate**.
- The tabernacle was **expensive**.
- Building Calvary Christian Center is **my** responsibility.

Haggai 1 (KJV)

¹In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by **Haggai the prophet** unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

²Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, **This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.**

³Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

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⁴Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

⁵Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Consider your ways.**

⁶Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

⁷Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Consider your ways.**

⁸Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and **I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.**

⁹Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

¹⁰Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

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¹¹And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

²And there remained among the children of Israel **seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.**

- The Tent of **Meeting** was a part of the tabernacle and was where God lived among the people (Ex. 25:8).

³And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, **How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?**

- We need to be **aggressive** to do God's will.

Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)

¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting** those things which are behind, and **reaching** forth unto those things which are before,

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¹⁴I **press** toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 6:9-11 (KJV)

⁹**How long wilt thou sleep**, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

¹⁰Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

¹¹So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

- Don't settle for good **enough**.

⁴Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

⁵And they shall divide it into **seven parts**: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

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⁶Ye shall therefore describe the land into **seven parts**, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

- I must be aggressive in **difficult** situations.

⁷But the **Levites** have no part among you; **for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance**: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

- Instead of receiving land as an inheritance in Palestine, the Levites received **tithes** and **offerings**.

Numbers 18:20-25 (KJV)

²⁰And the LORD spake unto **Aaron**, Thou shalt have **no inheritance** in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

²¹And, behold, **I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their**

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service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

²²Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

²³But the Levites shall do the **service of the tabernacle** of the congregation, and **they shall bear their iniquity**: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

²⁴**But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit**: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

²⁵And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Numbers 26:62 (KJV)

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⁶²And those that were numbered of them were **twenty and three thousand**, all males from a month old and upward: for **they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.**

Numbers 35:2-5 (KJV)

²**Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in;** and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

³And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

⁴And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

⁵And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two

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thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

Joshua 13:14 (KJV)

¹⁴**Only unto the tribes of Levi he gave none inheritance;** the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said unto them.

Joshua 13:33 (KJV)

³³But unto **the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance,** as he said unto them.

Ezekiel 44:28 (KJV)

²⁸And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: **I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.**

⁸And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the

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land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here **cast lots** for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

⁹And **the men went** and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

¹⁰And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

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