

CONFLICTS IN COMMUNITY

Joshua 22:10-34

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Introduction

Joshua 21.43-44: already but not yet, like our Christian life!

Joshua 22.1-9: Commendation and commissioning of the Eastern tribes

Lessons to be learnt in Joshua 22.10-34:

1. Conflicts are inevitable

2. “Carefrontation” is important

3. Common allegiance is imperative

- Peor (cf. Numbers 25.1-8) & Achan (cf. Joshua 7)
- Collective memory markers. Where is the location of this imposing altar? Galiloth (NIV) or possibly translated as region (ESV and NASB). Gilgal (Joshua 4)?
- Zeal for the Lord’s name and purity of allegiance

Implications & Response

1. How much do we value our Christian community?
2. Are we prepared to deal with conflicts biblically?
3. Are we ready to carefront those who sinned?
4. Do we place the purity of our worship and our common allegiance to God above all else?
5. Truth and grace of Christ? Wisdom from God.