

Some Big Bible “If’s”

Josh 23:11-16

Introduction:

- A. It has been said that “if” is biggest little word in our language.
- B. There are some big, but often overlooked, if’s in the Bible.

Discussion:

I. The Big “IF” In The Land Promise To Israel. (Josh. 23:11-16; Deut. 23:15-20).

- A. Premeillionists and Zionists ignore it.
- B. Israel’s history of disobedience and their removal from land.

II. The Big “IF” In Discipleship. (John. 8:31,32).

- A. Disciples made at baptism. (Matt. 28:18-20).
- B. Discipleship depends on forsaking all. (Luke 14:33)

III. The Big “IF” In Fellowship. (1 John 1:7)

- A. Grace-fellowship movement ignores this “if”.
- B. Ecumencial movement ignore this “if”.
- C. Many brethren ignore this “if.”

IV. The Big “IF” In Forgiveness.

- A. The Lord’s forgiveness. (1 John 1:9)
- B. Our forgiveness. (Luke 17:3,4).
 - 1. The forgiveness Parable. (Matt. 18:15-35).
 - 2. “Forgiving spirit” does not demand unconditional forgiveness.
 - a. Did Jesus have unforgiving spirit toward Jews?
 - b. Did Paul have unforgiving spirit toward some?
 - (1) Man at Corinth. (1 Cor. 5).
 - (2) Alexander the Coppersmith. (2 Tim. 4:14)
 - (3) Hymanaes and Philetus. (2 Tim. 2:17)
 - c. Did John have unforgiving spirit toward Diotrephes. (III John 9).

V. The Big “IF” In Apostacy (2 Pet. 1:10)

- A. Can fall. (1 Cor. 10:12).
- B. Can depart. (Heb. 3:12,13).

VI. The Big “IF” In Entering Rest Of Heaven. (Heb. 3:14).

Conclusion:

- A. Don’t overlook the if’s of salvation.
- B. Meet the conditions today.