What Means These Stones

Micky Galloway · Joshua 4:20–24

INTRODUCTION

- Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you.
- He parted the Jordan during the time of the flood stage, so that the people of God could pass over on dry ground.
- When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

1 Memorials, Because People Are Prone to Forget

Deuteronomy 6:6–12; Jeremiah 2:32; 2 Peter 1:12–15

- The reason why that memorials are distinct in Scripture is because people are prone to forget.
- And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way.
- Our children may go astray. There's no guarantee that they'll be faithful to the Lord. But my friend, let it be in spite of you, not because of you.
- Can a virgin forget her ornaments or a bride, her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

2 Children Are Very Special

Psalm 127:3–5; Proverbs 17:6

- This pillar of stones would attract the attention of young people. And it would give an opportunity for that question to be answered.
- Children are a heritage of Jehovah. And the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- Children's children are the crown of old men. And the glory of children are their fathers.

3 Children Ask Questions

Genesis 22:7; Exodus 12:26–27; Exodus 13:14

- Why are children so important? Children are so important because they ask questions.
- This boy asked a question. And it was a question that demanded an answer.
- When your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of Jehovah's Passover.
- Children. They ask questions. And these questions are very significant, and they deserve an answer.

4 Children Are the Future

Ephesians 5:22; Titus 2:3–5; 1 Timothy 3

- They're the future. They grow up into real people. And they make decisions. And they become the leadership of the next generation.
- Our children don't just grow up knowing these things. They have to be taught.
- Somebody has often said that it only takes one untaught generation to result in apostasy.
- Children are the future. That's where our elders come from. Deacons, preachers, Bible class teachers, and song leaders.

5 Who's Obligated to Answer Them?

Joshua 4:6; 1 Timothy 5:8; Psalm 78:1–6

- But fathers, whose primary responsibility is it to teach children? That's your job, isn't it?
- To teach your children who they are, what they've become and what God has done for them.
- We will not hide them from our children or from their children. Telling to the generation to come the praises of Jehovah.
- Tell your children so that they can tell their children, so that they can tell their children about these great things that God has done.

6 Many Memorials Described in the Bible

Genesis 9; Hebrews 9; 1 Corinthians 11:23

- God put it there. So that when you see that, you'll be reminded of what God said.
- That's where they crossed over. That marked the place. But that's not teaching the lesson, is it?
- What I want to talk with her about is what the Lord did for us.
- There are occasions when children give us an opportunity to teach them.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ? Would you turn from your sin? Would you humbly be baptized into Christ?

MY NOTES