

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1308: What is Your Ebenezer?

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1. What does the Hebrew word “Ebenezer” mean? How is it used in 1 Samuel chapters 4, 5 and 7? How is Ebenezer used specifically in 1 Samuel 4:1-2?
2. What was the Ark of the Covenant? Describe it. Where was it supposed to reside? How had it been used to gain success and victory in the past? Who told the Israelites to use the ark this way in these instances? (Exodus 25:10-22, Joshua 3:7-9, 6:2-5)
3. Why did the Israelites bring the ark to Ebenezer for the battle? Who told them to bring it into the battle? Did it protect the Israelites? Explain. Explain what happened to the ark while it was in Philistine hands. (1 Samuel 4:1-22, and chapters 5 and 6)
4. How long did it take Samuel to get Israel to realize they were sinful and idolatrous? What did they have to do to correct this matter? What did they do right this time compared to 20 years before? What did Samuel do to remind Israel of their repentance and subsequent victory? Why did he call this memorial stone Ebenezer? (1 Samuel 7:1-12)
5. In what way would an elaborate monument be a danger to the Israelites? What does the *simplicity* of the Ebenezer stone teach us? (Leviticus 26:1, Exodus 20:4-6)
6. How did Jesus use simple, everyday things to be used as a remembrance of his deliverance of mankind? What is important in the creation of an Ebenezer for a Christian? What is *not* important? What is the purpose of noting an Ebenezer moment in your life? Can you think of an experience that was an Ebenezer for you? (1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Psalms 100:1-5)
7. What did Israel finally acknowledge at Mizpah? How did the battle go with Israel not even armed? What did it take to open this “door” of deliverance?
8. What are the two reasons the stone was named Ebenezer? This embodies (and the stone reminds the Israelites of) what three essential lessons? (1 Samuel 7:7-12)
9. What can we use as an Ebenezer of our meaningful deliverances and experiences? List the possible tangible and intangible things we can set up to remind us of our Ebenezer experiences. What is essential to truly remember God’s deliverance on our behalf?
10. Do you any mementos that remind you of important times in your life when you felt God’s care over you? Do you have a place where you can meditate and remember God’s gifts, or to work out the tangles in your life? Is there a practice you have that helps you to remember these important milestones?
11. Why is it SO important we remember the errors that led to our need for the Lord’s deliverance and guidance?
12. What is the three-part process that make Ebenezers such an essential tool in our Christian walk?
13. How can you gain the “peaceful fruit of righteousness?” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, Hebrews 12:7-11, Psalms 116:12-17)