

Victorious Christian Living

PART 5

I SURRENDER

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I. What would be the wisest course of action for General Joshua to take?

A. From man's temporal perspective, they should have **seized the moment.**

B. From God's eternal perspective, they should take care of **spiritual matters first** (Matt. 6:33; Eph. 6:12; Prov. 21:31).

II. Before they entered the PL, God wanted to deal with their **"reproach": discredit, blame or disgrace.** (Ps. 103:8-14)
*What constituted their reproach?

1. First, they had served as Egypt's **slaves** for **400** years.

2. In Egypt, they bowed down and **worshipped** Egypt's Gods (Amos 5:25; Josh. 24:14; 1 Kgs. 12:28-30; Ex. 20:3-5a).

3. The males had not been **circumcised**. This was a **violation** of God's Covenant with the Israelites (Gen. 17:9-14).
*Circumcision was the outward sign that they were followers of God. For us it is **baptism** (Col. 2:9-13; Acts 2:36; Heb. 3:12-15; Rom. 15:4; Col. 2:11-13; Acts 2:38).

4. They had not celebrated the **Passover** in **39** years (cf. Num. 9:1-3). They couldn't because the males had not been **circumcised** (Ex. 12:48). This too was a violation of God's instructions to the Israelites (Ex. 12:24-27).



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