

## **Smoke on the Mountain**

### **Joshua 8**

**December 31, 2023**

If there is smoke on the mountain, what does it mean?

Children often make impossible commitments.

The Israelites committed to following the law of God. (Exodus 24:7)

We do not bargain with God; we are not His equals.

Can I be forgiven? Can I be restored to service?

#### **Restoration – Do not Fear, or be Dismayed (1:9; 7:5)**

This is the foundational promise given to Joshua. But Ai?

Achan's sin had troubled Israel and brought guilt on all the people.

What will be the evidence of a full restoration?

God gives instructions for the battle.

Walking with God means creatively running in God's commandments.

Why raise the Javelin? (Ex 14:16; 17:9)

#### **Devoted to Destruction**

Can't we skip this part?

To be hanged on a tree is a sign of the curse (Deut 21:22-23).

But here is the Good news! (Galatians 3:13).

#### **Covenant Renewal, like Moses.**

This covenant renewal was commanded by Moses (Deut 11:29; 27:1-13)

Why was the altar built only on Mt Ebal?

#### **Why were there two kinds of offerings? What did they mean?**

God communicates in time, and through history.

The fellowship or peace offerings (Hebrews 10:11-14).

Now, run in the way of my commandments because you have received grace.