

Lecture 9- Joshua: God's Conquest (II)

No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Josh 1:5-9

Key Terms

Death of Moses, servant of the Lord, Moses' aide, strong & courageous, success

Lecture Objectives

- Explain the transfer of authority and leadership from Moses to Joshua in historical terms as well as covenantal terms.
- Explore the connection between Joshua's charge and God's promises.
- Identify some key connections between the situation and call of Joshua (and of the people) and your own circumstances or those of your church.

Preliminary Questions

- How do you normally define success and what characteristics do you look for to identify success? Is this the same sort of success that is promised to Joshua? In what ways is it the same? In what ways is it different?

Joshua: God's Conquest (II)**I. How Do We Answer These Questions?****A. Why is the death of Moses mentioned?**

1. Moses could not enter the Promised Land. Num. 20:12, Dt. 1:37-38, 3:23-27, etc.
2. Now is the time to move into the Promised Land.

B. What is "the servant of the Lord"?

1. Look up in Bible dictionary
2. "The servant of the Lord" is an accolade both Moses and Joshua have after their lives (also David)

C. Isaiah 42**D. Who is Joshua?**

1. Bible dictionary
2. Num. 13:8-Joshua had another name—Hoshea

E. What does it mean to be "Moses' aide"?

1. Look for verses with Moses and Joshua in them
 - a. The exodus
 - b. Battle with the Amalakites
 - c. One of the 12 spies
 - d. Joshua would wait on Moses

F. Notice the frequent use of the word "give":

1. Verse 2
2. Verse 3

G. Joshua's charge: Joshua 1:5-9 (chpt. 1)

1. Look for repetitions
2. Be strong and courageous
3. I will be with you (v.5)
4. Be strong and courageous/ task (v. 6)
5. Be strong and very courageous/ Torah (instruction) (v. 7)
6. Be strong and courageous/ terror (v. 9)
7. I will be with you (v. 9)

In what sense(s) was God calling Joshua to be "strong and courageous?" In what sense(s) is that call relevant to the people of God today?

H. What success is being promised?

1. Successful (v. 7)
2. Prosperous and successful (v. 8)
 - a. You will be successful "in your way"
 - b. Success in going where God is leading you
 - c. Jesus perfectly fulfilled that for which he was sent
 - d. We must succeed and prosper as God defines the terms
 - e. Jeremiah—bottom of a pit

Does the promise of success apply to today's church or believer? In what way?

Why might chapter 1 be the programmatic key to understanding the book of Joshua? Give examples.

What kind of language did the people in Canaan speak? Northwest Semitic languages were closely related.