

## Joshua

### Chapter 1

1 And it came to pass that afterwards Moses the servant of Yahoah died and Yahoah said unto Yahoshua the son of nun a minister of Moses saying

2- Moses my servant is dead and now stand up pass over the Jordan this shall you and all this people unto the land which I give to them to the sons of Israel.

3- Every place where the soles of your feet shall tread in it to you I shall give it according as I spoke unto Moses.

4- From the wilderness and this Lebanon and unto the great river the river Euphrates all of the Hitite land and unto the great waters where the sun goes down shall be your borders.

5- No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life as I was with Moses so shall I be with you and I will not forsake you.

6- Be strong and be bold because you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore unto their fathers to give to them.

7- Only be strong and be very bold to observe to do according to all the law which was commanded to you by Moses my servant. Do not turn from it either right or left so that you may have insight in everyway that you go.

Moses said be strong and very courageous/ be bold three times and Joshua said it four times (Deut 31:6,7,23; Joshua 1:6,7,9,18).

8- The book of this law shall not depart from your mouth but you shall recite from it day and night so that you will observe to do all that is written<sup>1</sup> for then you shall succeed in your ways and then shall you succeed in all that you know.

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<sup>1</sup> We have spent our lives thinking the wrong kinds of thoughts and speaking the wrong words. Now, if we are going to be the beneficiaries of all that God has promised then we must begin to live by His word. Our hearts and minds must be retrained to think after the manner of reality and truth as it is defined by God. God will give us the proper insight when we observe His word instead of the circumstance that faces us. It is essential that we believe what God has spoken and act on it no matter how impossible it may seem. We must be willing to come to the same resolve that the second generation in the wilderness came to and then be willing to obey God whether we live or whether we die. They were faced with impossible obstacles and fortified cities. Both the armies and natural elements that stood in the way of their inheritance was more than they could possibly overcome. Every rational prospective of things said that they could not possibly succeed. Yet the means of their success would rest in their willingness to completely submit to the word of God and fill their mouth and heart with what He had promised.

Obedience to God's word not only gives one the divine insight in how to properly conduct their life but the Most High also intervenes and causes those persons to prosper (Psalms 1:3; Proverbs 3:16; 22:4; 24:4). The first step towards obedience is placing Gods word superior to all other things in our lives. God sets forth the divine spiritual law on how to step into His blessing and to have the increase that He desires for our life. God's will for our lives is an abundance of all things (Deuteronomy 8:18; 28:47; Psalms 34:10; 112:3; Ecclesiastes 5:19; Job 36:11; John 10:10). The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich and He adds no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22). If we walk in obedience to God's word and to His will for our life then we will prosper for God will give us power to make wealth so that He might establish His covenant. One may say that the wicked also prosper but we must recognize that their prosperity springs up from their own deceit and brings with it torment and adds more sin to their souls (Ecclesiastes 5:12-13; Psalms 49:6,16; 52:7; 62:10; Proverbs 13:7).

9- Have not I commanded you be strong and be courageous be not afraid nor discouraged for Yahoah your God is with you wherever you go.

10- And Joshua commanded the officers of the people saying.

11- Pass through the midst of the encampment and command the people saying prepare for yourselves supplies for within three days you will pass over this Jordan to go in to possess the land which Yahoah your God has given to you for a possession.

12- And to Rueben and Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh spoke Joshua saying.

13- Remember the words which Moses the servant of Yahoah commanded you saying Yahoah your God has given to you rest and also this land.

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The saints of God who are committed to the purposes of God and to the advancement of the Kingdom of God should earnestly petition God that His prosperity come into their lives (Psalms 118:25). In so doing then the saints of God must be willing to live by the word of God. They must allow the miracle working power of the word of God to dominate their thoughts and become the words of their mouths. If we will continue to behold the mightiness of God and the power of His word then we will come to know that nothing is impossible for those who will believe what God has said. Remember the key to your success will be directly related to your obedience to God's word.