

FLOURISHING ON GOD'S WORD

JOSHUA 1:1-8

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1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

Joshua 1:1-8

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:1-8

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Introduction

A. You are now standing alone (1:1-2)

B. The work remains (1:3-5)

1. It is just beginning (v 3)

2. There is a lot of ground to cover (v 4)

3. There are battles to fight (v 5)

C. Who you need to be (1:6-7)

1. The commandment decreed (v 6-7a)

2. The commitment desired (v 7b)

I. The Presence of God's Word Required (Joshua 1:8a)

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;”

A. Completely

Joshua 23:7

Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;

I. The Presence of God's Word Required (Joshua 1:8)

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;”

B. Continually

Deuteronomy 6:7

**And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children,
and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house,
and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest
down, and when thou risest up.**

I. The Presence of God's Word Required (Joshua 1:8)

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;”

C. Conversationally

Luke 6:45

**A good man out of the good treasure of his heart
bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out
of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that
which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his
mouth speaketh.**

II. The Practice Of Meditation On The Word (Joshua 1:8b)

“but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:”

A. The priority that is required

1. In time

Psalm 119:148

Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

2. In totality

1 Timothy 4:15

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

II. The Practice Of Meditation On The Word (Joshua 1:8b)

“but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:”

B. The perspective that is required

1. Its worth

Psalm 119:97

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

2. Its worship

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

II. The Practice Of Meditation On The Word (Joshua 1:8c)

“but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:”

C. The preparation that it provides

1. To do what God wants the way He wants

Isaiah 56:1

Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

II. The Practice Of Meditation On The Word (Joshua 1:8c)

“but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:”

C. The preparation that it provides - continued

2. To understand God’s why on what He wants to be done

Psalm 119:99

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

III. The Promise Of Spiritual Success

(Joshua 1:8)

“for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

A. Prosperity God's way

Psalm 1:3

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

III. The Promise Of Spiritual Success

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B. Success God’s way

1 Samuel 18:14

And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

Deuteronomy 28:11

And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

What Does God Want In Us?

Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.