

/I will now begin the first lecture on the book of Joshua. / Today's Word comes from Joshua 1:1-18./ The author of this book is Joshua.

/The name "Joshua" holds the meaning of "God is my salvation." / This book was approximately written in 1400 B.C. /This book contains the history of war in the land of Canaan.

/As it is written in this book, the Israelites had to triumph in the land of Canaan to acquire the land that God has promised to Abraham. / Also, this is a model of Jesus Christ bringing us to heaven.

/Up to verses 1-4, Joshua wrote the promise and calling that God has given to him. / Though Moses died, the work of God did not stop. / In verse 1, it is stated, 'After the death of Moses'.

/As the aide of Moses, Joshua was a faithful servant. / So after Moses died, God has appointed Joshua to fulfill the remaining duty. / Why is Joshua called the aide of Moses?

/Joshua lived by faith/ and faithfully served Moses until he died. / And the mission that God has given to Joshua is the conquest of Canaan.

/In verse 2, it is written, 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, / you and all these people, get ready...'/ During those times, Joshua was disheartened and discouraged. / Moses who led the people of Israel died.

/But God called him to get ready and not be discouraged. / The calling that God has appointed Joshua is significant. / While Moses have led the people of Israel to the Jordan River, / Joshua has to conquer the entire land of the Canaanites.

/So God commanded Joshua to 'get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.'/ Joshua simply has to believe God's word and obey it. / Even though it seems difficult to accomplish, he must do it because God gave him a promise.

/What promise are we talking about? / It is in verse 3./ It is written, 'I will give you every place where you set your foot'. / The promise of God is fulfilled in the lives of saints who believe and obey it.

/Even today, the word of God will surely be fulfilled./ He has promised us with the covenant and His Word./ The Word of God will be fulfilled if we believe and obey it.

/In verse 4, God has promised that His Word would be fulfilled if Joshua believes and obeys it. / God promised that Israelites' territories will be expanded from the wilderness to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. / His promise is detailed and certain.

/So, if Joshua believes and obeys the Word of God without being discouraged, he can completely conquer that land. / Then, how can the Israelites conquer this land?

/The answer is written in verses 5-9./ God has revealed the secret to prosperity in the land of Canaan./ First,

/ As it is written in verse 2, he must get ready to cross the river. / The work of God cannot be stopped because of Moses' death. / God raises leaders in different times to continue His work.

/ God has used Moses before / and now, as a successor of Moses, God is using Joshua. / That is why God is calling Joshua to obey His command.

/ Second, in verse 5 / it is written, 'As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.' / Today, a person cannot be defeated if God is with that person.

/ Thus, God is telling Joshua. / "Do not be discouraged / or fear the Canaanites. / Rather, be strong and courageous for I am with you." / Today, who is the most powerful person?

/ It is whom God is with. / No one can defeat such a person. / The third answer is in verse 6: "be strong and courageous."

/ As the incredible worker of God, / Joshua was the leader of the Israelites. / Hence, he cannot lead the people / if he is disheartened.

/ That is why God has commanded Joshua to be strong and courageous. / Then, how can we be strong and courageous? / When we completely rely on God, we would be strong and courageous.

/ Also, we would be strong if we have a clean heart / and when God is with us. / Therefore, the servants of God can lead their people when they are strong and courageous.

/ We must not be afraid of our enemies as well. / We can overcome when we rely on God / and advance without being discouraged. / Fourth, it is written in verse 7, "Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you."

/ God opens the way of prosperity to those who believe and obey His words. / It is written in one of the verses of a hymn. / "Heavenly peace, divine comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell," / "For I know whatever befall me, Jesus does all things well;"

/ If we walk by the Word of God, He would be accountable and lead us. / Also, we must not lean to the left or right but walk straight. / What does this mean?

/ God would help us if we do not add / or take out from the Word of God / but walk by it. / In our times, He reveals His will through His Word. / Also, believers that trust and obey the Word of God may experience miracles.

/ God commanded Joshua to "Be careful to obey all the law." / Also, fifth, it is noted in verse 8 to "meditate on it day and night." / "Meditation" refers to thinking of the Word of God / and applying it in our daily lives.

/ Which verse should we obey in all our different incidents and environments? / God would remind His words to bless us. / Hence, we must hold on to the Word of God when we pray. / We must follow after the Word of God in every aspect of our lives.

/Blessed people of God are always reminded of the Word of God in every situation. / Which verse should I obey today? / How should I react to this situation today? / That is why we must diligently read the Word of God daily.

/Also, we must learn the Word of God. / We must apply it in every aspect of our life. / The Word of God is the standard of faith / and our life. / How should we serve God?

/We must return to the Bible. / How can we succeed? / We must go back to the Word of God. / What did God promise to the people of Israel if they obey His word?

/He promised that He would grant them the land of Canaan. / This land was promised to be given since the time of Abraham / It is filled with milk and honey / and it is always cared by God.

/Thus, if they walk by the Word of God, God promised that nobody would defeat them. / Although there are numerous enemies in the land of Canaan, / If they obey through faith, / Israelites cannot be defeated.

/Also, God promised that if they walk by the Word of God, He would bless and straighten their path. / We must be blessed by obeying the Word of God. / Why do so many people fail while accomplishing God's work?

/They fail because they think and act without God. / God must help us for us to succeed. / We would be successful when we obey the Word of God.

/From verses 10-11, / Joshua commanded people to enter the land of Canaan. / In verse 10, / it is written, "Go through the camp and tell the people," / God gave His command to Joshua.

/He then declared the words of God to the officers of the people. / Whenever we pray or whatever we do, we must receive the word of God. / We must experience the presence of God.

/What kind of command is God giving me today? / We must let go of our human thoughts and labor to listen to the voice of God. / What were the necessary preparations prior to entering the land of Canaan?

/Please read verse 11. / "Go through the camp and tell the people, 'get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.' "

/It is stated, "get your supplies ready." / Nobody can triumph without supplies. / But what are the supplies that we have to get ready today? / We have to arm ourselves with the Word of God.

/Jesus rebuked the demon by prayer and Word. / He did it because only the Word of God is our true power and strength. / We can be strengthened and rejoice if we consume the Word of God.

/Then, how much are we desiring the Word of God? / We truly have to treasure it. / We must consider it as our life. / And to consume the Word of God refers to praying and meditating upon the Scripture.

/In order for a person to be physically fit, he or she must regularly consume food./ In the same way, in order to engage in a spiritual battle, we must be empowered by consuming spiritual food./ And we have to arm ourselves with the Word of God in order to defeat Satan.

/In Ephesians 6:11, Apostle Paul/ stated, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devils schemes."/ There is a significant weapon in the full armor of God. / That is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

/Just as Jesus triumphed through the Word, / we can do the same through the Word. / Only those who are captivated by the Word of God will accomplish the precious calling of God.

/We must be captivated by the Word of God to triumph in a spiritual battle./ It goes the same in the worldly wars. / Even though soldiers need their weapons, / they must have food supplies to defeat their enemies in the battle.

/So, the people of God must charge themselves through the Word of God by going to church every Lord's Day./ Of course, they must have personal time to read the Bible./ But they must learn the Word of God through the servants of God as well.

/Therefore, the Lord's Day is a day to charge our spirituality. / We can triumph in our daily life if we come to God and learn His Word. / However, if we fail to prepare such supplies, we will be defeated in the world.

/There are numerous spiritual battles that we engage in the world today. / We will be able to triumph in these battles/ if we are captivated by the Word of God.

/Next in verses 12 to 15, Joshua commanded the two and a half tribes to carry out their promise. / In verses 12-13, / Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, Gadites, / and the half tribe of Manasseh.

/God has already promised the east of Jordan river/ to these tribes before they entered into the land of Canaan./ But when they asked Moses, he accepted it under a condition./ He told them that since they have already received the lands,/ they must help their brothers in the war with the Canaanites.

/It is wrong for these tribes not to participate in the war/ because they have already received their lands. / Then why did God tell these tribes to participate in the battle? / It is because of the covenant of God.

/He commanded the people of Israel to conquer the land of Canaan as God has promised. / Also, God promised with Moses. / And God promised with these people through Moses. / He then ordered the two and a half tribes to participate in the battle even though they already have received their lands.

/They were commanded to return after the land of Canaan has been completely conquered. / This order is for the sake of entire Israelites./ He did it for them to abandon their selfishness and greed.

/Those who received first must devote themselves to God first. / If these two and a half tribes do not participate in the war,/they are hating their brothers ,/ and they are breaking the promise with Moses/ They would become selfish.

/In the same way, we must help other saints in the church. / God did not give us grace to live prosperously by being selfish. / Do you know the reason why God has blessed and poured His grace to us? / He did it so we can live for God.

/Also, He did it to help our brothers and sisters. / So, the head of the church is Jesus Christ / and the saints are the parts of Christ. / There are many parts in our body.

/Some are weak and some are strong. / These parts must come together to display a great power. / That is why every part of the church must be healthy.

/They must cooperate with each other with unity for one purpose. / In these verses, Joshua is telling the two and a half tribes that “you must not rest even though you have received your lands.”

/They are commanded to help their brothers in the battle with Canaanites. / The reason why God has blessed us with grace and blessing is/ to devote ourselves for others. / We must constantly examine ourselves.

/How much have I received from God? / He gave different blessings to different individuals. / Sometimes He gives health, / sometimes free time, / and sometimes wealth.

/God gave those blessings/ to make us serve others. / That is why God ordered the two and a half tribes to advance and fight.

/These people already received the east side of Jordan as their lands. / Joshua then said, “You are to help your brothers until the LORD gives them rest, / as he has done for you, and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them.

/Also in verse 14, it is written, / “Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you east of the Jordan, but all your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers”

/All the wives, children, and livestock were commanded to stay in their lands. / Next, it is written, “but all your fighting men, fully armed, must cross over ahead of your brothers. You are to help your brothers” / Those who help their brothers are people with power.

/The strong ones help the weak./ We must help those who are in need of help in the church. / We must do it because we are one family in Christ. / What is the meaning of being a family? / There is love in the family.

/They understand each other. / They help when someone in the family is facing difficulties. / They can trust and rely on each other./ The saints today all belong to the same family in faith.

/So, we must check if brothers and sisters need help. / We must not desire to be helped but actively help others.

/In verse 15, / to the two and a half tribes, / Joshua said "until the LORD gives them rest, as he has done for you." / And they were commanded to fight for the Promised Land.

/Furthermore in verse 15, it is written, "and until they too have taken possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. After that, you may go back and occupy your own land, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you east of the Jordan toward the sunrise."

/They could rest after checking their brothers are resting. / Then in verses 16- 18, these tribes have promised obedience.

/Verse 16./ Then they answered Joshua, "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

/The people promised Joshua their obedience. / They said that they would do whatever he has commanded. / They added that wherever he sends them, they would go. / God is working through Joshua.

/Even today, God is leading His people through His servants. / So, how should saints of the church treat their leaders? / They must obey when leaders are leading them properly.

/They must do so because God works through those leaders. /The people of Israel have also confessed in the text today. / They said that they would do everything that God has commanded. / Those who are led by God are the blessed ones.

/Therefore, saints must serve the leaders in their churches. / And they must have a proper relationship with the leaders to receive grace. / That is necessary because God has selected them to work through them.

/Hence, going against the proper leaders/ is the same as going against God. /Only those who obey their leaders will be blessed by God. / Who are such examples in the Bible?

/There are Aaron and Hur, who helped Moses. / And there are Joshua and Caleb. / Joshua especially have served and obeyed Moses until he died. / God reaps what is sown.

/People are obeying Joshua because/ he has obeyed Moses. / Also, the people said to Joshua, "wherever you send we will go."

/This is an expression of faith of God's people./ They were determined to go wherever Joshua commands them. / Even today, we must follow the guidance of God / and when God appoints His servants to guide us, we must obey them.

/I believe that an astonishing work and grace of God would be poured to the obedient. /In Genesis chapter 6, / why were the families of Noah redeemed in the flood? / In that chapter, God warned people about His judgment.

/At that time, Noah began to build the ark as God has commanded. / But a surprising matter is / the confession of Noah. / He said that he did everything just as God commanded him.

/He built the ark by obeying the word of God./ Another surprising matter is that/ Noah's family obeyed him because Noah first obeyed the word of God. / Where do you think he built the ark?

/Is it on an ocean? Or is it on the top of the mountain? / He built the ark on the mountain. / Since that was the case, perhaps his children could have rebelled against him. / "Father, why are you building an ark on the mountain? / "Should we not build it in a coast?"

/But the family of Noah did not go against the words of Noah. /Noah said, "We must build this ark on the mountain to be redeemed from the judgment of God."

/Could have Noah built the ark if his families refused to follow his words? / Though it was difficult to understand, Noah's family obeyed his words. / They then built the ark.

/As a result, they were redeemed when the entire world was punished because of sins. / In the time of Noah, God has appointed Noah as the leader to carry out His plan. / Even today, the leaders must first obey the words of God/ for people to obey them.

/It is a great blessing for a person to obey the guidance of the leaders. / Also, people not only decided to obey the words of Moses, / but they blessed Moses.

/"Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses."

/What is the promise that the people have made to Joshua? / They said, "Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you." / When God led the people of Israel through Moses, they fully obeyed his words.

/Then when Joshua became the leader, they were determined to obey him. / Why should they obey Moses or Joshua?/ It is because God raises such leaders to carry out His plan. / Hence, going against the servants of God is same as going against God.

/That is why Joshua is truly great. / Because he first was devoted to Moses, people obeyed and followed Joshua when he became the leader. / God reaps what is sown.

/If a leader wants his disciples to be obedient, / he must first obey the words of God. / If he leads people through obedience, / they will be obedient to his leadership. / Furthermore, how did the people bless Joshua?

/In verse 17, / they blessed Joshua by saying “Only may the LORD your God be with you / as He was with Moses. / In the past, God has done amazing works through Moses. / What were his accomplishments?

/He redeemed the people of Israel from Egypt. / He then led those hard-headed people through the wilderness for 40 years. / Those works were not done because Moses was great. / It was because God who used Moses was great.

/Even today, there is nothing that a person whom God accompanies cannot do. / We must bless one another as well. / When we visit a house, we must bless the family. / We ought to bless the brothers and sisters in the church.

/When we possess the heart of Jesus Christ and desire other people to be blessed, / God will bless us.

/There was a man I have known in the past. / He was filled with envy and inferiority complex. / But in the midst of a prayer, he realized the precious truth of God. / He then determined to bless others / because he began to believe that God was with him.

/In the past, he was envious and was suffering from inferiority complex. / But after he started to bless others, God has blessed him abundantly.

/Though Moses was great, he became what he is because of the people who prayed for him.

/Also, there were numerous good workers around him. / More importantly, God has preciousely used Moses. / Just as the people of Israel have prayed for Joshua, / the saints today must pray for the servants of God.

/Thus, our church has formed a ‘prayer team’ that prays for the pastor. / They always come 30 minutes before service to pray for me. / And their prayers are a great encouragement to me.

/If you desire your church to be at peace / and filled with grace, / you must constantly pray for the leaders that God has placed. / That is how graceful words of God are proclaimed through the servants of God.

/Then verse 18 states about the judgment that would come if they disobey the commands of Joshua.

/Verse 18. / Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!"

/The people have encouraged Joshua. / They said that whoever rebels against his words or disobeys his word will be put to death.

/" Whoever rebels against your word/ and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, / will be put to death.



/So, the people promised to obey the words of Joshua./ Today, God has raised the servants of God in the church as the agency of grace./ To serve the servant of God is to serve God, / and to disobey the servant of God is to disobey God.

/Therefore, the saints in the church are blessed if they serve their leaders. /The reason why our ancestors of faith have been blessed is/ not only because they have obeyed the words of God/ but also because they have served His servants by faith and with loyalty.

/Therefore, when it is said that whoever disobeys the words of Joshua will be put to death, / it is a warning regarding the judgment of God. / A dead person cannot work. / If God judges this world today, no one would survive.

/Then they gave strength and courage to Joshua by saying this. / “Only be strong and/ courageous!”/ And this is not a flattery.

/In the church today, / we must not hurt the heart of God’s servant / but give him courage and strength. / How great is Apostle Paul in the New Testament? / But he is not great because he is a great person/ rather, he is great because God used him.

/Right behind Paul, there were good supporters and coworkers. / That is why Moses and Paul are great / in the Old and New Testament. / But one important fact/ is that God who used them is the greatest.

/Also, those who helped them from behind are great. / Do you think that they would have become great leaders if they were without the helpers?

/So, God is telling Joshua, / “Do not be discouraged about Moses’ death. / If you obey Me, you will not only conquer the entire promised land but / there would be helpers around you.”

/To those who believe and obey, / God would give them strength, / make them meet good people, / and advance before them to personally give strength and courage. / Even though Moses died, the work of God cannot be ceased.

/God worked through Joshua. / In a sense, Joshua was not as good as Moses. / But, first God gave him grace, / power and strength to carry out the task, / and sent faithful people to aid him.

/There will surely be difficulties / in the path of the servants of God. / But if they obey God, / He would grant them strength and power to accomplish the task. / Also, God would supply every necessary thing.

/He would give us resources, / time, / health, / and support from good workers.

/By obeying this word, Joshua / was able to conquer the land of Canaan / through the amazing power and grace of God. / In our case, we are constantly fighting a spiritual battle in our journey to heaven.

/Thus, we must always receive the grace of God. / But those who have first received the grace of God must lead others to God. / To where? / We must lead them to the kingdom of God.

/I urge you not to be afraid of this world. / Do not fear the devil. / Be strong and courageous / and as you advance to the promised land of God, /become faithful workers of Jesus Christ and be triumphant in the good fight of faith.

/This is the end of the first lecture on the book of Joshua. / Thank you.