

# Joshua 1

v3

***"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you,"***

- EVERY PLACE! This is so important. There was no grey area, there was no confusion!
- Also, it does not say/indicate that there would be no fight. They knew full well that they were going in against a hostile people and to claim a land promised to them.
- But they could fight in faith of this promise that no enemy would be able to withstand their battle. Victory was assured/ordained! Their responsibility was to tread forward in faith and believe God's word.
- We will battle this flesh. There is a fight. There is a struggle, but we have been given a promise that we can take under subjection every place that we tread upon.
- *Romans 8:37 "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."*
- *2 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,"*
- *1 Corinthians 9:27 "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:"*
- We have no excuse to live in failure. We can struggle, fail, battle... But we have been given all victory in Christ Jesus!

v5

***"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life."***

- *Romans 8:31 "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"*
- No man, no principality, no power can stand in our way as we follow behind The Lord. He has given us all things and every victory!
- As we walk according to His ways and His will we will walk in His blessing, His provision and His favour.
- *Psalms 91:1 "He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*
- If we live in His presence, communing daily with Him, then we dwell in His peace that passes understanding, we live in His joy unspeakable. The enemy cannot enter into that place, the storm will not affect us there! Abide in Him! Live in His presence. Stay close to Jesus.
- There is none that can stand against the will of God so let us walk in His will.

***"as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."***

- Such a comforting and precious promise.
- Joshua had seen The Lord move mightily through Moses. He had witnessed a powerful testimony. Now he was promised the same.
- This is wonderful but also awesome and terrible. Oh, the fear of being under The Lord's watchful eye and being responsible for His people!! Oh, that we had such a realisation of this reality and such a fear/reverence of The Lord's presence.

v7-8

***"Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you."***

- Be strong, confident, empowered... Not to defeat the enemy, not to stand against the giants or war with greater armies... But to keep the law of The Lord and to walk in His ways!
- The true battle, the hard part, was to walk according to the law.
- This has not changed. Far more important than any religious service or sacrifice is to walk in obedience to God's word and to follow His ways and teachings.

***"Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go."***

- There is no other accepted way. There is no other way of blessing or victory. The focus is on obedience to His word. The command is to walk in His ways. Everything stems from this. They are not commanded to train soldiers, build chariots, raise horses, get stronger... Only to walk in His ways.
- *Mark 8:35-36 "... Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. [35] For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."*
- To follow Him is to deny yourself, it is to walk in His ways and in obedience to His word/teaching. This is the only way to life!

***"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success."***

- Not that we live according to "the law" today but that we would live according to His revealed word and keep Christ's commands.
- The command and the promise are so very clear and our God is so very consistent and unchanging! The word is a timeless one. May we be Joshua's in a modern world and live according to God's word and walk in all His ways and not look to others. Stay faithful to His word and His leading.
- The focus is on His word and obedience to it. All blessing, prosperity, growth and victory will come from living in that secret place.
- *John 8:12 "... I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."*
- *Deuteronomy 3:22 "You shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you."*
- Our focus is to be in walking according to His word/ways. He then will lead us to victory and blessing!

v9

***"Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."***

- The command is repeated a third time! (Four times in total!)
- Be strong and very courageous... In The Lord. In His testimonies, in His promises, In His word!
- Remain faithful and obedient to His ways, His teaching and His presence.
- He has promised to be with you! The creator God! The one true living God! With us!!! Selah!
- *Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."*
- *John 14:23 "... If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."*
- If we are careful to walk before The Lord in all that we do then we shall never be too far from His presence! May we strive to stay close to Jesus and follow in His leading. No enemy can enter His presence, no storm can rage in the secret place. The outer temple may suffer hindrance and setback but for those who daily, dwell in His presence there is no loss of peace, joy or victory. God is over all!!