

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Joshua 1:10-18
Wednesday March 21, 2012

Josh 1:10-18

Joshua 1 has two parts: 1) Joshua 1:1-9, The call and commissioning of Joshua, 2) Joshua 1:10-18, Joshua assuming command of the nation.

Josh 1:16-17

We will look at Joshua taking 4 steps:

- 1. Verse 10 – Preparation In The Spiritual**
- 2. Verse 11 – Preparation In The Natural**
- 3. Verses 12-15 – Preparation In Unity**
- 4. Verses 16-18 – Preparation In Leading**

1. Verse 10 – Preparation In The Spiritual:

Joshua 1:10

Joshua had a “Faithful Past.” There are 7 instances that Joshua found himself being schooled by the Lord.

We Must Also Be “Faithful Now!”

All believers are called to lead in a general sense – Matt 28:19-20

So often we focus on the vessel or instrument and fail to see God and His power. 1 Cor. 3:4-7

Moses – Name is mentioned 57x, showing that Joshua respected Moses. Joshua built on this great leader.

Josh. 1:10

Josh. 1:11

Josh. 1:13

Josh. 1:16

Josh. 1:18

“Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,” – Joshua took the message first to the other leaders. (Deut. 1:15)

Titus 2:15

Numbers 13 – Kadesh Barnea; Israel knew God’s will but refused it.

“Delayed Obedience Is Disobedience!”

Ps. 119:60

2. Verse 11 – Preparation In The Natural:

Joshua 1:11

Joshua 5:11-12

“three days” – “is always connected with death and resurrection.”

Jordan – Was flooded (Joshua 3:15) it was called – “Descender”

Moses and Joshua both started their ministry with a great test. Moses (Exodus 14) stood at the Red Sea; Joshua stood at the Jordan.

The older we get, we can fall into the place of not wanting change. Joshua and Caleb were the oldest but were open to what new things God was wanting to do! Not age but faith!

3. Verses 12-15 – Preparation In Unity:

Joshua 1:12

Num. 32:1-5

These 2 1/2 tribes were asking for the land on the wrong side of the Jordan (Eastern side). This typifies those Christians that see the things of this world and don’t want to enter into all that God has for them. They want to live on the border.

Joshua 1:13

“Remember” – “to heed,” a call to obedience”

We need to note that Joshua did not beg them to obey to be on his side, or to remember their promise, he based his appeal on “The Word of God.”

Joshua 1:14-15

We learn that in (Joshua 22) that these tribes made a big mistake in staying on the wrong side of the Jordan. The other tribes did not know which side they belonged to.

1 Chr. 5:26

4. Verses 16-18 – Preparation In Leading:

Joshua 1:16-17

That is a commitment that every discerning Christian should commit to. We cannot follow man that is leading us away from God.

Joshua did not lead the people astray; what was the secret for not getting off and getting sidetracked?

Josh. 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth,"

Josh. 1:18

Application:

1. When God Gives To Us A Directive, God Wants Us To Obey, And Act Upon His Command. We Are Not To Seek Further Counsel When God Has Already Spoken.
2. The Older We Get, The More Rigid We Can Become In Our Ways. Joshua And Caleb Were The Oldest In Israel, Yet Were Open To What New Things God Was Wanting To Do.
3. We Are To Submit To Our Spiritual Leaders But We Cannot Follow Any Man That Is Leading Us Away From God.