

Possessing the Promises

Joshua - Chapter 1

Lesson 2

FIRST DAY: Introduction

Our God has made a covenant with us to give us all His promises through Christ Jesus. *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us* (2 Corinthians 1:20). Jesus alone can take us into the *exceedingly great and precious promises* that have been given to us. It is time to inherit and take possession of these promises by faith in Jesus!

Joshua, the newly appointed leader of the children of Israel, serves as a type or foreshadowing of Jesus. Moses, the Law-giver, could not take the Israelites into the Promised Land to give them their inheritance. He could only deliver them out of Egypt and guide them through the wilderness. Now that Moses was dead, it was time for Joshua to lead the Israelites in conquering and possessing all that God promised them. In Joshua 1, Joshua received divine encouragement and instruction from God on how he was to lead the people.

As you begin your study of the book of Joshua, consider the encouragement and instruction God has given you through His Word to take possession of His divine promises.

Ask God to bring you into all His promises through Christ Jesus!

SECOND DAY: Read Joshua 1:1-5

1. According to Joshua 1:1, what came to pass *after the death of Moses*?

2. What was the first thing God declared to Joshua? Joshua 1:2a
 - a. Why do you think Joshua needed to acknowledge this?

3. What did God *therefore* commission Joshua to do? Joshua 1:2b
 - a. Observe that God had given the children of Israel *the land*. Why is this important to note?

4. Along with God's commission came God's promises. Read Joshua 1:3-5 and share what stands out to you from God's promises concerning:
 - a. The land (verses 3-4)

 - b. The enemy (verse 5a)

 - c. His presence (verse 5b)

5. Share a promise God has given to you.

THIRD DAY: Read Joshua 1:6-8

1. Having commissioned and encouraged Joshua with His promises, God now exhorted him for the task at hand. Use the exhortations of Joshua 1:6-7 to fill in the chart below:

EXHORTATION	TASK	PROMISE	TAKEAWAY
Verse 6a	Verse 6b	Verse 6c	
Verse 7a	Verse 7b	Verse 7c	

- a. Why do you think these tasks required Joshua to be *strong and of good courage*?

2. According to Joshua 1:8a, what would be necessary for Joshua's success as a leader?

- a. What do you think this would have conveyed to Joshua about his words?

3. What further instruction did God give Joshua concerning *this Book of the Law*? Joshua 1:8b
 - a. Compare this exhortation with Psalm 1:2-3. What do you see?
 - b. Define the word *meditate*.
 - (1) Share a way you would encourage someone to *meditate* in God's Word.
4. According to Joshua 1:8c, what was Joshua to *observe*?
 - a. How would meditating on God's Word help someone *observe* (to do) this?
5. From Joshua 1:8d note and comment on the results of obeying these exhortations.
6. Share a time God's Word enabled you to *be strong and of good courage*.
7. From your study today what stood out to you about:
 - a. Courage

b. The Word of God

c. Prosperity

FOURTH DAY: Read Joshua 1:9-11

1. Use Joshua 1:9 to write out:

a. God's exhortation to Joshua (verse 9a)

b. God's promise to Joshua (verse 9b)

(1) Link this with the following Scriptures and share your thoughts:

(a) Genesis 28:15

(b) Isaiah 41:10

(c) Jeremiah 1:19

(d) Matthew 28:19-20

(e) Hebrews 13:5b-6

(2) Recall a time the realization of God's presence:

(a) Gave you strength and *courage*

(b) Kept you from being *afraid* or *dismayed*

2. After the Lord finished speaking to Joshua, what was Joshua's command to *the officers of the people*? Joshua 1:10-11

a. Notice that they were to *prepare* before they went in to *possess* the land. Remark on the necessity of this.

3. Use 2 Timothy 2:15, 21 to explain how you can be prepared to enter God's promises.

FIFTH DAY: Read Joshua 1:12-18

1. In Numbers 32 the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh had asked Moses for permission to settle in the land opposite Canaan instead of crossing the Jordan with the other tribes. Joshua reaffirmed the arrangement Moses had made with them. Summarize this arrangement from Joshua 1:12-15.

2. The tribes responded well to Joshua's command. From Joshua 1:16-18 note and comment on their:

a. Willingness (verse 16)

b. Submission (verse 17a)

c. Encouragement to Joshua (verse 17b)

d. Seriousness (verse 18a)

e. Exhortation (verse 18b)

(1) What stands out to you from the way these tribes responded to Joshua?

(2) How do you think this response affected Joshua?

3. Share a way you can encourage someone in leadership.

SIXTH DAY: Possessing the Promises

1. Four times in this chapter Joshua was exhorted to *be strong and of good courage*. From Joshua 1 review these exhortations and share how they minister to you:
 - a. Verse 6

 - b. Verse 7

 - c. Verse 9

 - d. Verse 18

2. Drawing from your study this week, write a brief comment on the following:
 - a. Joshua

 - b. The Promised Land

 - c. God's Promises

d. God's Word

e. Encouragement

3. God's Word is filled with promises that He keeps! Choose a promise from God's Word to meditate on and write it here.

4. From your study this week, share a way you were inspired to take possession of God's promises.