

Joshua

Introduction

Joshua 1:1-9

1. **One of the great Bible Characters that we can learn from and be encouraged from is that of Joshua.**
 - A. **He served as the minister to Moses. Probably chosen because of his conviction to want to do right.**

2. **Let's look at what we can learn from Joshua.**

Joshua - God's Chosen Leader

1. **Joshua had a sincere trust in God.**
 - A. **He no doubt gained this trust through the years that he served as Moses' minister. His eyes were open, understanding that it was not Moses doing the leading, it was God.**

2. **Moses commends and commissions Joshua before the people.**

Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 23

 - A. **Moses respected and loved Joshua. He knew that if he would continue to let God lead Him, then he would succeed.**
 - 1) **Moses informed the people that Joshua was the one who would now take charge.**

3. **The Faithfulness of Joshua.**

Numbers 32:6-13
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 - A. **Joshua and Caleb were determined to enter the land because they knew that God was leading the way.**

4. **Joshua's reverence for God.**

Numbers 14:1-9

5. **Joshua's last days: (A true servant of God)**

Joshua 24:14-15

 - A. **Joshua was totally convicted to serve God. No matter what anyone else decided to do.**

Lessons to Learn from Joshua

1. **When God needs a leader for his people, he chooses one who has proven himself to be dependable.**
 - A. **Joshua demonstrated this through 40 years of total faithfulness. In this faithfulness, he had demonstrated his dependability in the face of every kind of hardship.**
 - 1) **Men, if we wish to someday occupy positions of service to God such as that of an Elder or Deacon, we must be willing to do the little duties from day to day that would demonstrate our ability and dependability even in the face of hardships.**
- **Be determined to “wholly” follow the Lord**
2. **God’s promises are always conditional.**
 - A. **His promises are conditioned upon our obedient and submissive response.**
 - **Vs 2-3 “Have given” “Obedient”
A condition was placed in order to “get” Jericho.**
 - 1) **God promised to be with Joshua, yet also said that he was to keep the book of the law with him and to meditate on it day and night, doing those things written therein.**
 - **Conditions: Jericho, Ai**
 - a. **If he would do those things, then he would have success.**

3. **The book of the law of God had a primary place in the life of Joshua and Jesus.**
 - A. **In the temptations of Jesus, He quoted scripture.**
 - B. **When people came to Jesus to know His answer, He frequently asked them “what is written in the law?”**
 - **What made Joshua strong? HIS DEVOTION TO GOD**
 - 1) **We must also keep the book of God if we expect to be pleasing to our God – the same God of Joshua!**

Conclusion

1. **When we do as Joshua, and trust in God, gaining faith by reading His Words that will guide our life everyday, then we will also boldly say:**

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

