

12 A new leader, Joshua

Chapter

Joshua 1:1~18
Hymn: no. 382, praise no. 83

Today's Lesson



- 1 God uses those who are equipped and ready.
- 2 Although God promised us a victory, we can only attain it by faith.

Opening Mind



Everyone has work to do. Let us think about our responsibilities.

1. What are your present responsibilities?

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2. What are your future responsibilities or work that you want accomplish? Why?

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3. What do you need to do in order to achieve the above mentioned work in #2?

Understanding the Lesson



It was Moses who led the Israelites from Egypt. However, he died in Mount Nebo without seeing the land of Canaan, which had been promised by God. After his death, Israel needed a new leader; God chose Joshua, who was a servant of Moses, as a new leader of Israel. He was the son of a Nun from the tribe of Ephraim and his real name was Hosea. His name is defined as "God of salvation."

God trained Joshua for a long time to be an instrument of God. Although he was born during the time of slavery in Egypt, God led him to become a fellow worker of Moses. He was a brave soldier, a devoted servant and a true believer. He was a faithful witness; he believed in God's promise by persistently aspiring to enter the land of Canaan even by risking his life with the threat of being stoned to death by Israelites for 40 years. God trained and prepared Joshua to lead Israelites to the land of Canaan after Moses. With faith, Joshua was able to invade the land that God had promised; he defeated the enemy, divided the land between the Israelites and settled down.

Moses foreshadows the Law, and Joshua is an archetype of Christ. Only Christ can lead us into the promised land. In this regard, we can say that Moses and Joshua foreshadow the work that will be achieved by Christ.

Lesson Summary

Engraving the lesson in your mind



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go (Josh 1:9).



Meditating the Words

1. Read the following passages and meditate on them. Either write the title of the passage or summarise it. What is the main message and what are your thoughts?

(Num 14:6-10)

(Deu 31:3-8)

(Josh 1:1-9)

2. Joshua spent 40 years as a servant of Moses before he became the leader of Israel. Read the following passages and write down your thoughts. (1 Timothy 3:10, Matthew 20:25-28, 2 King 3:11)



Changing Your Thoughts

1. Christians want to be used by God like Moses and Joshua. What kind of person would God use as His worker?
2. What did Joshua do to attain the mission he had received? Compare your thoughts after reading Joshua 1:6-9.
3. What would be the reason for not receiving God's promises in our lives? What does Joshua Chapters 1 and 11:14-18 say about this?



Applying the Words to the Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also_Jam 2:26

1. Write down how to apply the today's lesson to the life.

First

Second.

Third.

2. Review the last week's items and evaluate them.

Praying to Follow the Words





Let's praise

Give us this land

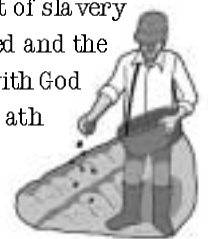


While we live on God-given land,
we encounter enemies and strong cities that make us afraid,
nonetheless, we advance forward with a shout,
with confidence, trust and reliance.
Give us this land as God had spoken,
I will finish God's command on the land in the name of the Lord
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Parable

Sowers and reapers

Livingstone, a British missionary and explorer from 1813 to 1873, was able to live a heroic life in Africa due to his motivation of abolishing the institution of slavery. He propagated Jesus to African-Americans for 30 years and explored in an extensive African jungle over 30,000 miles to find the root of the Nile River. He believed that discovering the origin of the Nile River would support the abolishment of slavery in his country. However, the Nile River was discovered and the slaves were liberated by someone else. He died alone with God in the midst of an African forest. His heroic death influenced and inspired the hearts of many Christians. This led to the British Christian missionary institution continuing the mission and completing the liberation of slaves.



We are performing the same kind of work in the world, especially the services that we, as Christians, render to the Lord. Our services are only partial to the entire work of God. Although Moses was a great prophet, his work was only partial, and the work was carried on by Joshua. Our work is also not complete, but regardless, we need to fulfill our responsibilities with diligence. Water that runs down from valleys makes rivers, and rivers flow into an enormous ocean.





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