

**Courage**

**Joshua**

**Victory of Faith**

# **Joshua - Historical**

- **Genesis** - Book of beginnings – *Doctrine: Election*
- **Exodus** – Deliverance from bondage – *Doctrine: Redemption*
- **Leviticus** – Manner of worship –  
*Doctrine: Fellowship & worship*
- **Numbers** – Wilderness wanderings –  
*Doctrine: Failure of unbelief; failure to overcome, occupy*
- **Deuteronomy** – The “bridge” –  
*Doctrine: Obedience a pre-condition*

# **Joshua – Practical Application**

- **A warning:**

***[1Co 10:11 NKJV] 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.***

# **Joshua – Practical Application**

- **An encouragement:**

***[Rom 15:4 NKJV] 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.***

# **Joshua – About Choices**

- 1. To enter the land**
- 2. Rahab hides the spies**
- 3. Crossing the Jordan (2 memorials)**
- 4. Obedience of circumcision**
- 5. Achan's bad choice**
- 6. Turning defeat into victory**
- 7. Gibeonites join the people of God**
- 8. Honoring their commitment to the Gibeonites**

# Joshua -

*“As for me and my house, we will  
serve the Lord.” (24:15)*

# *Joshua vs Ephesians*

## *Joshua*

- Israel entering & possessing
- Earthly inheritance
- Given to Abraham

## *Ephesians*

- Christians entering & possessing
- Heavenly inheritance
- Given in Christ



# *Joshua – Lessons*

It's *not* about life after death,

**It's about life after “birth”!**

# Joshua – Lessons

It's not just deliverance from Egypt,  
**but deliverance into the  
Promised Land!**

*And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*

[Exo 3:8 KJV]

# Joshua – Lessons

A Christian doesn't work for victory,

He works from victory! (God's)

*Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

[Rom 8:30 KJV]

# *Joshua – Mystical Aspects*

*A foreshadowing (model) of Christ*

- **He came after Moses**
- **He leads to victory**
- **He's the advocate in defeat**
- **He allots the inheritance**

# *Joshua – Mystical Aspects*

## **Jordan River:**

- **Chose 2 spies: *not 12*** (*were there not two witnesses with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane?*)
- **Circumcised at Gilgal on 10<sup>th</sup> Nisan**
- **Crossed 3 days later on Passover**
- **Crossed at Bethabara: *same place as John the Baptist preached***

# ***Joshua – Mystical Aspects***

## **Shechem:**

- **Between Mt. Ebal (*cursing*) and Mt. Gerizim (*blessing*)**
- **Where God promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit the land (Gen 12:6-7)**
- **Where Jacob built an altar (Gen 33:20)**

# **Joshua – Mystical Aspects**

## **Three burials:**

- **Eleazer the high priest**
- **The bones of Joseph**
- **Joshua**

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# ***Joshua – Book Organization***

- **Entering the land**

- *Chapters 1 - 5*

- **Overcoming the land**

- *Chapters 6 - 12*

- **Occupying the land**

- *Chapters 13 - 24*

- **The victory of faith**

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

*[Col 3:23-24 NKJV] 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

*[Heb 3:6 NKJV] 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.*

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

*[Heb 3:14 NKJV] 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,*

*[Heb 3:16, 18-19 NKJV] 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, [was it] not all who came out of Egypt, [led] by Moses? ... 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

*[Heb 4:1-2 NKJV] 1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard [it].*

*[Heb 4:6 NKJV] 6 Since therefore it remains that some [must] enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,*

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

*[Heb 4:8-11 NKJV] 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God [did] from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.*

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

*[Heb 4:14-16 NKJV] 14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all [points] tempted as [we are, yet] without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

*[Heb 5:7-9 NKJV] 7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, [yet] He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,*

# *Joshua – Victory of Faith*

**Lesson 1:** *Don't be a borderline believer.*

**Lesson 2:** *Be encouraged. You have already received your inheritance in Christ and can claim “every spiritual blessing”*

*[Eph 1:3 NKJV] Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ,*

**Lesson 3:** *No matter how old we become we must never retire from trusting and serving the Lord.*



# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

**Lesson 4:** *“Senior saints” must be examples of believers and encourage the younger generation to trust the Lord and wholly follow Him.*

**Lesson 5:** *God wants to give all His people their inheritance.*

**Lesson 6:** *It’s not your boasting but your believing that gives you the victory and even gains new territory.*

**Lesson 7:** *Unless you have fled by faith to Jesus Christ, you aren’t saved!*

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

## **His Leadership**

- **He had courage to deal with sin in the camp.**
- **He had a plan** (*He who has no course plotted; no wind is favorable*)
- **He didn't quit**
- **He enlisted others and commanded their respect.**

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

## **His Practical Message:**

***God keeps His promises and enables His servants to succeed if they trust Him and obey His word.***

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

## **His Spiritual Message:**

***God has a rich inheritance for His children now,  
and they can claim it by faith.***

# **Joshua – Victory of Faith**

**There are different kinds of people in this world:**

- 1. Most are in bondage in Egypt***
- 2. Some are delivered but wandering in the wilderness of unbelief because they won't enter their inheritance by faith.***
- 3. Others prefer to live on the borders of the blessing.***
- 4. Some follow their Joshua and enter the Promised Land and fully claim their inheritance.***

# *Joshua – Victory of Faith*

## REMEMBER:

*Crossing the Jordan, spiritually, is not “dying and going to heaven.”*

*It’s a picture of dying to self and old life, entering our spiritual inheritance here and now, and enjoying the fullness of God’s blessing as we serve the Lord and glorify Him.*

# ***Joshua – Victory of Faith***

## **REMEMBER:**

*Joshua is not the key person in the book. The Lord is.*

*He is, indeed, “the Lord of all the earth” (Josh 3:11).*

***He keeps His promises.*** “Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” (Josh 3:5)

# *Joshua – Victory of Faith*

## REMEMBER:

- *He is a holy God*
- *He is a forgiving God*
- *He is a God who requires obedience*
- *He is a God who never fails*
- *He is Gracious*



# *Joshua – Victory of Faith*

## REMEMBER:

*It's not enough to know the word of God.*

*We must know the God of the Word  
and grow in fellowship with Him.*

# *Joshua – Victory of Faith*

## REMEMBER:

*He is still the God of wonders*

*He is still calling us to be a sanctified  
people who will trust and obey*

*The God of Joshua lives.*

*But where are the Joshuas?*

**Courage**