

CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF JOSHUA

Message One

God's Charge, Promise, and Encouragement to Joshua

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Josh. 1:1-9

- Josh. 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, Jehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' attendant, saying,
- Josh. 1:2 Moses My servant is dead; now then arise, and cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel.
- Josh. 1:3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads I have given to you, as I promised Moses.
- Josh. 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.
- Josh. 1:5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you nor forsake you.
- Josh. 1:6 Be strong and take courage, for you will cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.
- Josh. 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, being certain to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn away from it to the right or to the left, that you may have success wherever you go.
- Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.
- Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go.

I. Joshua is a type of Christ in the following aspects:

- A. The Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name Joshua is Jesus (Heb. 4:8; Acts 7:45), which means "Jehovah the Savior," or "the salvation of Jehovah" (Matt. 1:21; Num. 13:16):

Heb. 4:8 For if Joshua had brought them into rest, He would not have spoken concerning another day after these things.

Acts 7:45 This tabernacle our fathers, having in their turn received, also brought in with Joshua when they took possession of the nations, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David,

Matt. 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.

Num. 13:16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

1. Christ as our Leader is our real Joshua as the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10; 4:8) to lead us into glory and into the rest of the God-promised land with Christ as our perfect peace and full satisfaction (2:10; 4:11; Deut. 12:9; Matt. 11:28-30).

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Heb. 4:11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter into that rest lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience.

Deut. 12:9 For until now you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance that Jehovah your God is giving you.

Matt. 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matt. 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

2. Joshua typifies Christ as grace replacing the law, signified by Moses (Josh. 1:2a; John 1:17); it was when Moses the lawgiver died that Joshua came in to bring the people into the good land (Josh. 1:1-4); he typifies the Lord Jesus as our Leader bringing us into the enjoyment of Himself as our rest, as the reality of the good land (Deut. 8:7-10; 12:9; Phil. 1:19; Eph. 3:8; Col. 1:12; 2:6-7; Heb. 4:8-9; Matt. 11:28-29).

Josh. 1:2 Moses My servant is dead; now then arise, and cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

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Deut. 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

Deut. 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;

Deut. 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

Deut. 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

Deut. 12:9 For until now you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance that Jehovah your God is giving you.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

- Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
- Col. 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- Col. 2:6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,
Col. 2:7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.
- Heb. 4:8 For if Joshua had brought them into rest, He would not have spoken concerning another day after these things.
- Heb. 4:9 So then there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.
- Matt. 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

B. In the war against Amalek (Exo. 17:8-16), Amalek typifies the flesh as the totality of the fallen old man; Joshua typifies the present and practical Christ as the indwelling, fighting Spirit, the One who fights against the flesh and puts it to death (Rom. 8:9-13; Gal. 5:16-17, 24):

- Exo. 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
- Exo. 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.
- Exo. 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- Exo. 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.
- Exo. 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
- Exo. 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
- Exo. 17:14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.
- Exo. 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi;
- Exo. 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
- Rom. 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
- Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- Rom. 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
- Rom. 8:12 So then, brothers, we are debtors not to the flesh to live according to the flesh;
- Rom. 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.
- Gal. 5:16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- Gal. 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.
- Gal. 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

1. The purpose of the flesh is to keep us from entering into the full enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ as our good land.

2. God's economy delivers us from the flesh to the Spirit so that we may participate in the blessing of the riches of the Triune God—Rom. 7:17—8:2; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 1:3-14.

- Rom. 7:17 Now then it is no longer I that work it out, but sin that dwells in me.
Rom. 7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not.
Rom. 7:19 For I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice.
Rom. 7:20 But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but sin that dwells in me.
Rom. 7:21 I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me.
Rom. 7:22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man,
Rom. 7:23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.
Rom. 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?
Rom. 7:25 Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh, the law of sin.
Rom. 8:1 There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.
Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
Gal. 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,
Eph. 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,
Eph. 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;
Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
Eph. 1:8 Which He caused to abound to us in all wisdom and prudence,
Eph. 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
Eph. 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;
Eph. 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
Eph. 1:12 That we would be to the praise of His glory who have first hoped in Christ,
Eph. 1:13 In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise,
Eph. 1:14 Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

C. At the age of forty Joshua joined Caleb, as two of the twelve spies, as ones who had hearts full of faith by taking the word of God as their faith to care for God's interests for His people to possess the good land; only two overcomers among God's redeemed in the wilderness, Joshua and Caleb, received the prize of the good land—Num. 13:30; 14:6-9, 27-30; Rom. 10:17; Gal. 3:3, 5; Heb. 11:5-6;

Phil. 3:13-14; cf. Acts 6:5:

- Num. 13:30 But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
- Num. 14:6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who spied out the land, tore their clothes.
- Num. 14:7 And they spoke to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, saying, The land through which we passed to spy out is an exceedingly good land.
- Num. 14:8 If Jehovah is pleased with us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey.
- Num. 14:9 Only do not rebel against Jehovah, nor should you fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their protection has been removed from them, and Jehovah is with us; do not fear them.
- Num. 14:27 How long shall I bear with this evil assembly, which murmurs against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they are making against Me.
- Num. 14:28 Say to them, As I live, declares Jehovah, just as you have spoken in My ears, so will I do to you.
- Num. 14:29 Your corpses shall fall in this wilderness, and none of you who were numbered, according to the number you counted from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me,
- Num. 14:30 Shall come into the land, in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.
- Rom. 10:17 So faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- Gal. 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- Gal. 3:5 He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit and does works of power among you, does He do it out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?
- Heb. 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For before his translation he obtained the testimony that he had been well pleasing to God.
- Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,
- Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.
- Acts 6:5 And the word pleased all the multitude; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch,

1. According to the record in Numbers 13 and 14, the people of Israel had an evil heart of unbelief; Joshua and Caleb exhorted and warned the people by saying, “Do not rebel against Jehovah” (v. 9); these words indicate that not to believe in the Lord is to rebel against Him—Num. 13:31-33; 14:1-3, 6-11; Deut. 1:26, 32.

- Num. 13:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Num. 13:2 Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; one man from each of their fathers' tribes you shall send, every one a leader among them.
- Num. 13:3 So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of Jehovah, all of them leading men among the children of Israel.

- Num. 13:4 And these were their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;
Num. 13:5 From the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;
Num. 13:6 From the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;
Num. 13:7 From the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;
Num. 13:8 From the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun;
Num. 13:9 From the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;
Num. 13:10 From the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;
Num. 13:11 From the tribe of Joseph, that is, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi;
Num. 13:12 From the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;
Num. 13:13 From the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;
Num. 13:14 From the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;
Num. 13:15 From the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.
Num. 13:16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.
- Num. 13:17 And when Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, Go up this way into the Negev, and go up into the hill country;
Num. 13:18 And see what the land is like; and whether the people who live in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many;
Num. 13:19 And whether the land in which they dwell is good or bad; and whether the cities that they live in are like camps or with fortifications;
Num. 13:20 And whether the land is fat or lean; whether there are trees in it or not. Therefore strengthen yourselves and bring some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.
Num. 13:21 So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath.
Num. 13:22 And when they had gone up through the Negev, they came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)
Num. 13:23 Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and from there they cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two of them. They also cut off some of the pomegranates and some of the figs.
Num. 13:24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from there.
Num. 13:25 And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days.
Num. 13:26 And they proceeded to come to Moses and to Aaron and to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and they brought back word to them and to the whole assembly, and showed them the fruit of the land.
Num. 13:27 And they told him and said, We came to the land into which you sent us; and it indeed flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.
Num. 13:28 However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and we also saw the descendants of Anak there.
Num. 13:29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negev, and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites dwell in the hill country, and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the Jordan.
Num. 13:30 But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
Num. 13:31 But the men who went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.
Num. 13:32 And they brought to the children of Israel an evil report of the land which they had spied out, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great size.

- Num. 13:33 And there we saw the Nephilim (the descendants of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.
- Num. 14:1 Then the whole assembly lifted up their voice and cried, and the people wept that night.
- Num. 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole assembly said to them, If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!
- Num. 14:3 And why does Jehovah bring us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder. Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?
- Num. 14:4 And they said one to another, Let us appoint a captain, and let us return to Egypt.
- Num. 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the whole congregation of the assembly of the children of Israel.
- Num. 14:6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who spied out the land, tore their clothes.
- Num. 14:7 And they spoke to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, saying, The land through which we passed to spy out is an exceedingly good land.
- Num. 14:8 If Jehovah is pleased with us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey.
- Num. 14:9 Only do not rebel against Jehovah, nor should you fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their protection has been removed from them, and Jehovah is with us; do not fear them.
- Num. 14:10 But the whole assembly said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of Jehovah appeared in the Tent of Meeting to all the children of Israel.
- Num. 14:11 And Jehovah said to Moses, How long will this people despise Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?
- Num. 14:12 I will strike them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.
- Num. 14:13 But Moses said to Jehovah, Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Your might You brought this people up from their midst,
- Num. 14:14 And they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, Jehovah, are in the midst of this people; for You, O Jehovah, are seen in plain sight, and Your cloud stands over them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.
- Num. 14:15 Now if You put this people to death as one man, then the nations that have heard the report about You will speak, saying,
- Num. 14:16 Because Jehovah was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to give them, He has therefore slaughtered them in the wilderness.
- Num. 14:17 And now, I pray, let the power of the Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying,
- Num. 14:18 Jehovah is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generations.
- Num. 14:19 Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You have forgiven this people from Egypt even until now.
- Num. 14:20 Then Jehovah said, I have pardoned them according to your word;
- Num. 14:21 But as surely as I live, and as all the earth will be filled with the glory of Jehovah,
- Num. 14:22 None of those men who have seen My glory and My signs, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tried Me these ten times and have not listened to My voice,
- Num. 14:23 Shall see the land which I swore to give to their fathers, nor shall any of those who despised Me see it.

- Num. 14:24 Only My servant Caleb, because he had a different spirit and has fully followed Me, will I bring into the land which he entered; and his descendants shall take possession of it.
- Num. 14:25 Now since the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valleys, turn tomorrow, and set out into the wilderness by the way that leads to the Red Sea.
- Num. 14:26 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- Num. 14:27 How long shall I bear with this evil assembly, which murmurs against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they are making against Me.
- Num. 14:28 Say to them, As I live, declares Jehovah, just as you have spoken in My ears, so will I do to you.
- Num. 14:29 Your corpses shall fall in this wilderness, and none of you who were numbered, according to the number you counted from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me,
- Num. 14:30 Shall come into the land, in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.
- Num. 14:31 But your little ones, whom you said would become plunder, I will bring in, and they will know the land which you have rejected.
- Num. 14:32 But as for you, your corpses shall fall in this wilderness.
- Num. 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and they shall suffer for your unfaithfulness until your corpses have been consumed in the wilderness.
- Num. 14:34 According to the number of the days which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for every day, you shall bear your iniquities, forty years; and you shall know My displeasure.
- Num. 14:35 I, Jehovah, have spoken; surely I will do this to all this evil assembly who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.
- Num. 14:36 And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made the whole assembly to murmur against him by bringing up an evil report against the land,
- Num. 14:37 That is, those men who brought up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before Jehovah.
- Num. 14:38 Only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive out of those men who went to spy out the land.
- Num. 14:39 And when Moses spoke these words to all the children of Israel, the people mourned greatly.
- Num. 14:40 And they rose up early in the morning to go up to the top of the mountain, saying, Here we are; now we will go up to the place which Jehovah has spoken of, for we have sinned.
- Num. 14:41 But Moses said, Why do you again transgress the commandment of Jehovah? This will not succeed.
- Num. 14:42 Do not go up-for Jehovah is not among you-so that you are not struck down before your enemies.
- Num. 14:43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following Jehovah, therefore Jehovah will not be with you.
- Num. 14:44 But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain, even though neither the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah nor Moses had departed out of the midst of the camp.
- Num. 14:45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that hill country came down and struck them and beat them back as far as Hormah.
- Deut. 1:26 Yet you would not go up. Rather you rebelled against the word of Jehovah your God;
- Deut. 1:32 Yet in spite of this word you did not believe in Jehovah your God,

2.If we are going to fully possess Christ as the good land, we must ask the Lord to

save us from having an evil heart of unbelief; to have such a hardened heart is to fall away, to turn away, from the living God—vv. 25-26, 28, 35-39; 9:23; Acts 6:5a; Heb. 3:7-13.

- Deut. 1:25 And in their hands they took some of the fruit of the land, and they brought it down to us. And they brought word back to us and said, It is a good land which Jehovah our God is giving us.
- Deut. 1:26 Yet you would not go up. Rather you rebelled against the word of Jehovah your God;
- Deut. 1:28 Where shall we go up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are big and fortified up to heaven; and furthermore we have seen the children of the Anakim there.
- Deut. 1:35 Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall by any means see the good land which I have sworn to give to your fathers,
- Deut. 1:36 Except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it. And to him I will give the land on which he has trodden, and to his children, because he has fully followed Jehovah.
- Deut. 1:37 With me also Jehovah was angry on your account, saying, You also shall not enter there;
- Deut. 1:38 Joshua the son of Nun, who attends to you, he shall enter there. Strengthen him, for it is he who will cause Israel to inherit it.
- Deut. 1:39 Moreover your little ones, who you said would be prey, and your children, who this day do not know good and evil, they shall enter there. And to them I will give it, and they will possess it.
- Deut. 9:23 And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you, you rebelled at the word of Jehovah your God and did not believe Him and did not listen to His voice.
- Acts 6:5 And the word pleased all the multitude; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch,
- Heb. 3:7 Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice,
- Heb. 3:8 Do not harden your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of trial in the wilderness,
- Heb. 3:9 Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me and saw My works for forty years.
- Heb. 3:10 Therefore I was displeased with this generation, and I said, They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways;
- Heb. 3:11 As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest!"
- Heb. 3:12 Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God.
- Heb. 3:13 But exhort one another each day, as long as it is called "today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin--

3. Our Christian walk is by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7); thus, we must continually look away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:1-2); our faith is not of ourselves but of Him who imparts Himself as the believing element into us that He may believe for us (Gal. 2:20; 2 Pet. 1:1).

- 2 Cor. 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by appearance)-
- Heb. 12:1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,
- Heb. 12:2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

- Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- 2 Pet. 1:1 Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

4. We need to realize that for a Christian, unbelief is the greatest sin; if we grasp hold of God's Word and believe His Word, all will be well; when we live by our feelings and do not exercise our spirit of faith and turn our heart to the Lord in order to believe in the divine facts in God's Word, which is His covenant, His will, to us, we are rebelling against the Word of God, insulting God, and making Him a liar—Deut. 1:25-26; Heb. 3:12, 16-19; 4:2, 6; 11:1; Rom. 3:4.

- Deut. 1:25 And in their hands they took some of the fruit of the land, and they brought it down to us. And they brought word back to us and said, It is a good land which Jehovah our God is giving us.
- Deut. 1:26 Yet you would not go up. Rather you rebelled against the word of Jehovah your God;
- Heb. 3:12 Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God.
- Heb. 3:16 For who provoked Him when they heard? Indeed was it not all who came out of Egypt by Moses?
- Heb. 3:17 And with whom was He displeased for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?
- Heb. 3:18 And to whom did He swear that they should not enter into His rest, except to the disobedient?
- Heb. 3:19 And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.
- Heb. 4:2 For indeed we have had the good news announced to us, even as they also; but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed together with faith in those who heard.
- Heb. 4:6 Since therefore it remains that some should enter into it and those who formerly had the good news announced to them did not enter because of disobedience,
- Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Rom. 3:4 Absolutely not! But let God be true and every man a liar, as it is written, "That You may be declared righteous in Your words and may overcome when You are judged."

5. We should not be threatened or frightened by the clouds of our convictions, feelings, and environments; we must live under the new covenant and not believe in any failure, weakness, darkness, or negative thing; we are the covenanted people, and we have a verse of promise to meet every situation—Gen. 9:8-17; Rev. 4:2-3; Lam. 3:22-23; Rom. 8:1; 2 Cor. 12:9; 2 Tim. 1:10; 2:1; Jude 24; 1 John 1:9; 1 Cor. 1:9.

- Gen. 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,
- Gen. 9:9 And I Myself now establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you
- Gen. 9:10 And with every living animal that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every animal of the earth with you, of all that came out of the ark, every animal of the earth.
- Gen. 9:11 And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.
- Gen. 9:12 And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living animal that is with you, for perpetual generations:

- Gen. 9:13 I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.
- Gen. 9:14 And when I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow is seen in the clouds,
- Gen. 9:15 I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living animal of all flesh, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.
- Gen. 9:16 And the bow will be in the clouds, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living animal of all flesh that is upon the earth.
- Gen. 9:17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.
- Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;
- Rev. 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.
- Lam. 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;
- Lam. 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.
- Rom. 8:1 There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Cor. 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- 2 Tim. 1:10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,
- 2 Tim. 2:1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;
- Jude 24 But to Him who is able to guard you from stumbling and to set you before His glory without blemish in exultation,
- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

6. Our spirit is the “bank account” of the resurrected, pneumatic Christ as the reality of all the bequests of the new covenant; by the law of the Spirit of life, all these bequests are dispensed into us and made real to us; because the church people are a people under the covenant, we can actually be called the church of the covenant—Isa. 42:6; 49:8; Rom. 8:2, 10, 6, 11, 16; Heb. 8:10; John 16:13.

- Isa. 42:6 I am Jehovah; I have called You in righteousness; / I have held You by the hand; / I have kept You and I have given You / As a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;
- Isa. 49:8 Thus says Jehovah, / In an acceptable time I have answered You, / And in a day of salvation I have helped You; / And I will preserve You and give You for a covenant of the people, / To restore the land, to apportion the desolate inheritances,
- Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
- Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- Rom. 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.
- Rom. 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
- Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

- Heb. 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
- John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.

II. “No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you nor forsake you. Be strong and take courage, for you will cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them. Only be strong and very courageous, being certain to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn away from it to the right or to the left, that you may have success wherever you go”—Josh. 1:5-7:

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- Josh. 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, being certain to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn away from it to the right or to the left, that you may have success wherever you go.

A. For Jehovah to tell Joshua that, as He was with Moses, He would be with Joshua was a great matter; at one point the Lord told Moses, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest” (Exo. 33:14); because Moses was a person very near to God’s heart and according to God’s heart, he had God’s presence to a full extent.

Exo. 33:14 And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.

B. In the New Testament the presence of Jesus is Emmanuel, meaning “God with us” (Matt. 1:23; 18:20; 28:20); Christ as the Spirit of reality, the life-giving Spirit, is Emmanuel, the presence of the Divine Trinity in our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22).

Matt. 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel" (which is translated, God with us).

Matt. 18:20 For where there are two or three gathered into My name, there am I in their midst.

Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.

2 Tim. 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

C. We should continually exercise our spirit of faith to be strong and very courageous to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ, signified by the good land, as the pledge of our inheritance today, which is a sample of our full and eternal inheritance of the wonderful Christ in the next age and for eternity—2 Cor. 4:13; Eph. 1:14, 18; 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5-6a.

- 2 Cor. 4:13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,
- Eph. 1:14 Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.
- Eph. 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
- 2 Cor. 1:22 He who has also sealed us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.
- 2 Cor. 5:5 Now He who has wrought us for this very thing is God, who has given to us the Spirit as a pledge.
- 2 Cor. 5:6 Therefore being always of good courage and knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are abroad from the Lord

D. We should take the Lord as our strength and our courage to magnify Christ under any circumstances, which is to experience Him with the topmost enjoyment (Phil. 1:20; 4:11-13); we can always declare, "Jehovah is my light and my salvation; / Whom shall I fear? / Jehovah is the strength of my life; / Whom shall I dread?"—Psa. 27:1.

- Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil. 4:11 Not that I speak according to lack, for I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content.
- Phil. 4:12 I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.
- Phil. 4:13 I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.
- Psa. 27:1 Jehovah is my light and my salvation; / Whom shall I fear? / Jehovah is the strength of my life; / Whom shall I dread?

E. Death once reigned over us (Rom. 5:14), and we were under its slavery, continually fearing death; since the Lord destroyed the devil and nullified death (Heb. 2:14-15; 2 Tim. 1:10), we now have no more fear of death and are released from its slavery.

- Rom. 5:14 But death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
- Heb. 2:15 And might release those who because of the fear of death through all their life were held in slavery.
- 2 Tim. 1:10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

F. "Jehovah will not abandon His people, / Nor will He forsake His inheritance" (Psa. 94:14); "The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear. What shall man do to me?" (Heb. 13:6); "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

- Psa. 94:14 For Jehovah will not abandon His people, / Nor will He forsake His inheritance.
- Heb. 13:6 So that being of good courage, we say, "The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear. What shall man do to me?"

Rom. 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

- G. We need to be those who fan into flame our God-given spirit, which is not a spirit of cowardice but of power and of love and of sobermindedness (2 Tim. 1:6-7); our feelings are altogether a lie; we should always believe and declare that we are strong, that we are full of love, and that we are very clear; then we can “be strong and take courage” (Josh. 1:6) to enter into and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the reality of the good land.

2 Tim. 1:6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Tim. 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

Josh. 1:6 Be strong and take courage, for you will cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them.

- H. We should not turn away “to the right or to the left” (v. 7) from the holy Word concerning the heavenly vision of God’s eternal economy, so that we may have success wherever we go by walking worthily of the Lord “to please Him in all things” (Col. 1:10); thus, before our translation we can obtain the testimony that we have been “well pleasing to God” by continually believing that God is and we are not (Heb. 11:5-6; Gen. 5:21-24).

Josh. 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, being certain to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn away from it to the right or to the left, that you may have success wherever you go.

Col. 1:10 To walk worthily of the Lord to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God,

Heb. 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For before his translation he obtained the testimony that he had been well pleasing to God.

Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Gen. 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years and begot Methuselah.

Gen. 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters.

Gen. 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years.

Gen. 5:24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

III. “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go”—Josh. 1:8-9:

Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall muse upon it day and night so that you may be certain to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.

Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go.

A. Joshua was to be occupied with God's word and let the word occupy him (cf. Col. 3:16); by being occupied and filled with the word, he would have prosperity and success in taking the God-promised land.

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

B. The key to Joshua's carrying out all that is written in God's Word and the key to his prosperity, success, strength, and courage in taking the God-promised land were for him to not let God's word depart from his mouth by musing upon it day and night; the words your mouth show that musing was mainly practiced by speaking aloud:

1. The Hebrew word for muse is rich in meaning; it implies to worship, to converse with oneself, and to speak aloud; to muse on the word is to taste and enjoy it through careful considering—Psa. 119:15, 23, 48, 78, 97-100, 148, cf. vv. 9-11.

Psa. 119:15 I will muse upon Your precepts / And regard Your ways.

Psa. 119:23 Princes as well have sat and spoken against me, / But Your servant mused upon Your statutes.

Psa. 119:48 And I will lift up my hand to Your commandments, which I love; / And I will muse upon Your statutes.

Psa. 119:78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they have subverted my cause with a lie; / But I will muse upon Your precepts.

Psa. 119:97 Oh, how I love Your law! / All day long it is my musing.

Psa. 119:98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, / For they are always with me.

Psa. 119:99 I have more insight than all my teachers, / For Your testimonies are my musing.

Psa. 119:100 I understand more than the aged, / For I have kept Your precepts.

Psa. 119:101 I have withheld my feet from every evil way, / That I might keep Your word.

Psa. 119:102 I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, / For You have taught me.

Psa. 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste! / Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psa. 119:104 Through Your precepts I gain understanding; / Therefore I hate every false way.

Psa. 119:148 My eyes anticipated the night watches, / That I might muse upon Your word.

Psa. 119:9 With what should a young man keep his way pure? / By guarding it according to Your word.

Psa. 119:10 With all my heart I have sought You; / Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

Psa. 119:11 In my heart I have treasured up Your word / That I might not sin against You.

2. Prayer, speaking to oneself, and praising the Lord may also be included in musing on the word; to muse on the word of God is to enjoy His word as His breath (2 Tim. 3:16) and thus to be infused with God, to breathe God in, and to receive spiritual nourishment.

2 Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

3. To muse upon the Word is to "chew the cud," like a cow eating grass (Lev. 11:3);

when we muse upon the word of God, we receive it with much consideration and reconsideration; just as a cow chews its cud, we may do this while we are pray-reading the word early in the morning so that we may receive nourishment by reconsidering what we receive from God's word.

Lev. 11:3 Whatever has a divided hoof, that is, has its hoof split in two, and chews the cud among the beasts, that you may eat.

- C. The psalmist said, "I will muse upon Your precepts / And regard Your ways. / I will take delight in Your statutes; / I will not forget Your word"—Psa. 119:15-16:

Psa. 119:15 I will muse upon Your precepts / And regard Your ways.

Psa. 119:16 I will take delight in Your statutes; / I will not forget Your word.

1. When the psalmist mused upon God's word, it became his delight, his gladness and joy (Jer. 15:16), and he would not forget God's word; thus, it became a constant and eternal nourishment to him (Psa. 119:105, 130).

Jer. 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts.

Psa. 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.

Psa. 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.

2. By musing upon God's word, we remember His word and are enlivened by it—"Remember the word to Your servant / In which You have made me hope. / This is my comfort in my affliction, / For Your word has enlivened me"—vv. 49-50.

Psa. 119:49 Remember the word to Your servant / In which You have made me hope.

Psa. 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction, / For Your word has enlivened me.

- D. Musing upon the word is even richer, broader, and more inclusive than pray-reading, for it includes prayer, worship, enjoyment, conversation, bowing down, and even lifting up our hand to receive God's word (v. 48); to lift up our hand unto the word of God is to indicate that we receive it warmly and gladly and that we say Amen to it (Neh. 8:5-6).

Psa. 119:48 And I will lift up my hand to Your commandments, which I love; / And I will muse upon Your statutes.

Neh. 8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people); and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Neh. 8:6 And Ezra blessed Jehovah the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground.

- E. When we touch the Lord's word with our spirit in this way and remain in continual fellowship with Him, we should have a feeling of being bathed, warmed, refreshed, moistened, and supplied by the word in the Bible; the one thing, the best thing, we should do is to touch Him, worship Him, believe in Him, absorb Him, enjoy Him, pursue Him, and gain Him—Psa. 27:4; Phil. 3:8, 14.

- Psa. 27:4 One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.
- Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
- Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

F. When we truly take time to muse upon God’s word, we are being infused with God to glow with God and to shine forth God (2 Cor. 3:15-18); this is why we sing, “Pray to fellowship with Jesus, / Bathing in His countenance; / Saturated with His beauty, / Radiate His excellence” (Hymns, #784, stanza 6).

- 2 Cor. 3:15 Indeed unto this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart;
- 2 Cor. 3:16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
- 2 Cor. 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- 2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Hymns, #784, stanza 6 Pray to fellowship with Jesus, / Bathing in His countenance; /
Saturated with His beauty, / Radiate His excellence

G. Because our Lord and our God has commanded us to enter into and enjoy Him as the reality of the all-inclusive good land, we should say Amen to His word to be strong, to take courage, and to not be afraid or dismayed, for Jehovah our God is with us wherever we go, as we disciple all the nations to make them the kingdom people until the end of this age, the time of His coming—Josh. 1:9; Matt. 28:20.

- Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go.
- Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.