

(Lesson text: Joshua 3:5-17)

1. THE BOOK OF JOSHUA CONSISTS OF THREE SECTIONS. They are:

1. THE STORY OF THE CONQUEST

(1) This account is contained in the first twelve chapters.

2. THE STORY OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LAND

(1) This account is contained in chapters 13 through 21.

3. THE STORY OF JOSHUA'S FAREWELL TO THE NATION

(1) Joshua's farewell address to Israel is contained in Chapters 22 through 24.

- a. Chapter 22: the two and half tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh go back home and build an altar almost causing war between them and the Israelites on the other side of Jordan. (They said, "we did not build it to rebel against God, but that it might be a witness that we are still one and should always so be.") Joshua 22:25
- b. Joshua's farewell address is contained in chapters 23 and 24.
 1. His first address was delivered especially to the heads of the people: leaders and judges.
 2. His second address was delivered especially to the people.

2. THREE KEYNOTES WHICH SUMMED UP THEIR DUTY. These words are found in Joshua 1:11. These words summed up their duty; these three words sum up our duty. They are: (If these three words be omitted all will fail)

I. PREPARE

1. The account of the preparation is given in the opening chapters of the book. Lessons we may learn:
 - (1) That preparation for any successful undertaking is vital and very necessary.
 - (2) That God's soldiers must be right with God before they can fight God's battles.

2. PASS OVER

1. This is the note especially sounded at Jordan. The people drew their swords and flung away their scabbards, crossed the river and in face of great odds committed themselves to victory or death. This all teaches us:
 - (1) That ere God's soldiers are prepared to pass over and possess there must be in their lives a definite, decisive consecration of themselves to the Lord.
 - (2) It teaches us that with every step we take, something must go, something perhaps, which we counted precious yesterday. We must learn:
 - a. That to gain the promised land, we lose the manna. 5:12
 - b. We gain experience and lose the morning dew.
 - c. We gain the strength and energy of manhood, and lose the freshness and wonder of the child.
 - d. We gain the peace and beauty of old age, and lose the strength and energy of manhood.
 - e. If we are to gain the peace and security of the promised land, heaven itself, we must leave behind the "old man" buried in the plains of Moab.

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(S) If persons have been baptized and are members of the church...

(I) This account is contained in the first section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the second section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the third section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the fourth section of the book...

1. BAPTISM

(S) Baptism is a symbol of the new life in Christ...

(I) This account is contained in the first section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the second section of the book...

2. THE SACRAMENT

(I) This account is contained in the first section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the second section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the third section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the fourth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the fifth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the sixth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the seventh section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the eighth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the ninth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the tenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the eleventh section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the twelfth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the thirteenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the fourteenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the fifteenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the sixteenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the seventeenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the eighteenth section of the book...

(I) This account is contained in the nineteenth section of the book...

2. THREE KEYNOTES SUMMED UP THEIR DUTY, Continued

3. POSSESS

1. Crossing the Jordan to possess the Land of Promise does not to me at least, represent so much the soul crossing the Jordan of death to inherit eternity, but pictures the soul rising from lower plains to a higher experience in the things of God. "Friend go up higher." Luke 14:10
2. There is a Jordan that separates between us and all the good in this life, and the life to come.
 - (1) To have as our own, the abundant life here and the more abundant life to come we must: Prepare, Pass-over and Possess.

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and possess.

sole independent life to come we must: believe, repent

(1) to have as our only the independent life here and the
good in this life, and the life to come.

2. There is a golden rule which permits us and all the
in the things of God. Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them. Matthew 7:12
the only living law which binds us to a higher existence
the golden rule to which we are bound, and which
not to be at least, because, so long as we are
1. Obeying the golden rule to possess the land of promise here

3. Believe

5. Believe repent believe repent believe repent

6. Believe repent believe repent believe repent