

PREPARE YOU VICTUALS: Joshua 1:11. WHY?

- 1. In three days you will pass over this Jordan...
- 2. To possess the land which the Lord your God giveth to possess it. Joshua 1:11

INTRODUCTION: Joshua 1:1-9; These verses give us an infallible prescription for success in our relationship with God. HERE IT IS:

- 1. AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PURPOSE OF GOD.
 - 1. Moses my servant is dead, now therefore;
 - 1. Arise, go over this jordan...
 - 2. Thou and all this people...
 - 3. Unto the land which I do give to them...
 - 4. Even to the children of Israel. Joshua 1:2
 - 2. Joshua did not need to enquire; "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"
 - 1. The way was perfectly plain to him.
- 2. FAITH IN THE PROMISE OF GOD.
 - 1. "Every place that the soul of your foot shall tread upon..."
 - 2. That have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." Joshua 1:3
 - 3. "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Jos. 1:5
- 3. OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.
 - 1. It was not enough that Joshua heard the call of God and knew the will of God:
 - 1. If whole-hearted obedience and submission to the will of God did not follow.
 - 2. Hear Joshua's reply:
 - 1. "All that thou commandest us we will do..."
 - 2. And whithersoever thou sendest us we will go." Joshua 1:16
 - 3. "Then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success." V. 8
- 4. In the Story of the Conquest there are, I think, three keynotes. Let us consider them:

- 1. PREPARE. 1. God's soldiers must be right with God before they can fight God's war.
- 2. PASSOVER. There must be a decisive consecration to the Lord.
- 3. POSSESS. Started with the fall of Jericho to the complete possession.

"FOR YE HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY HERETOFORE" 3:4
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INTRODUCTION: Last Sunday we spoke of Joshua's statement in Joshua 1:11: "Prepare, Passover, and Possess".

They were making their entrance into a land that would require great effort to possess thou God had said, Joshua 1:5, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee nor forsake thee" THREE TIMES: God through Joshua urged them: "To be strong and ver courageous". (V. 6,7,9)

WHERE WE ARE TODAY: the 8 day of this New Year 1978

- 1. In our Journey we face a cold and cruel world.
 - 1. In the first 7 years of this decade we have seen: scandels of dishonesty and immorality in low places as well as high places.
 - 2. We have seen womanhood reduced to a sex-symbol by the newsmedia.
 - 3. We have seen an all-time high in the use of liquor in every form... Drug addicts run rampant to wreak havoc on themselves as well as the innocent.
 - 4. Womanhood in general has been toppled from the high throne as God intended she should occupy.
 - 5. Homo-sexuality reared its ugly head to be openly opposed by one Anita Bryant. For her opposition
 - 1. She almost lost her work with the Orange juice industry. (Romans 1:26-28, 29-32)
 - 2. She did lose her work of several years as narrator for the ROSE BOWL PARADE.
 - 3. STILL: Anita Bryant was voted the most admired woman in a recent Good House-Keeping poll of 10,000 Americans.
 - 4. John Mack Carter, the editor-in-chief of that magazine tried every way to find some error in the poll.
 - 5. Abortion came rattling down through the past few year to send millions of unborn babies down the sewers of America.

YE HAVE NOT PASSED THIS WAY HERETOFORE

- 1. The vista of bygone years was never so long as it is today.
- 2. Time never carried such a burden of events on his shoulders. If we failed last year we are fortunate still to have the chances of life open before us.

