

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The Call**, v. 1, 2. What relation had Joshua sustained to Moses? What announcement did God make to him? To what leadership was Joshua called?

2. **The Work**, v. 3-6. What promise of possession did the Lord give to Joshua? What was the extent of this possession? What is meant by "the Great Sea"? What promise of victory did Joshua receive? What encouraging assurance was given with this promise? What inducement to courageous endurance did he receive? To whom had this land been covenanted?

3. **The Guide**, v. 7-9. For what was this courage needed? On what condition was prosperity and success promised? What rule was given in regard to God's law? What promise is given to all who heed this law?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. That faithfulness in service brings favour from God?

2. That God's presence assures spiritual success?

3. That neglect of God's law assures spiritual defeat?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who was Moses? The great leader of the Israelites! Who led them after his death? Joshua! Where was he to lead them? Across the river Jordan? What lay beyond the river? The land of Canaan? What did the Lord give to Joshua? Strength to conquer all his enemies? What promise was given Joshua? "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." To whom had this same promise been given? To Moses? What did God tell Joshua to be? Strong and brave. What did God tell him to do? To divide Canaan among the tribes of Israel. What did the Lord tell Joshua to obey? The law of Moses. What was promised if Joshua did this? Success and prosperity. When may we be sure of success? When we trust in God. What did the Lord again say to Joshua? "Be not afraid, for I am with thee." Repeat GOLDEN TEXT. What did Joshua tell the people to do? To make ready to cross the river Jordan.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

We need never be afraid if we are—Doing what God tells us to do. Going where he tells us to go. Trusting in his power, not our own. Letting God go with us everywhere.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

God's Call to Joshua.

I. GOD'S CALL TO ACTS.

1. **Of Authority**. "Arise, go over.... Jordan." v. 2.

"The Lord said.... Take thee Joshua." Num. 27. 18-20.

"Joshua.... shall go in thither. Deut. 1. 38.

2. **Of Appropriation**. "Every place.... tread upon." v. 3.

"Unto thy seed.... given this land." Gen. 15. 18.

"Some better things for us." Heb. 11. 40.

3. **Of Aggression**. "Not any.... stand." v. 5.

"Fear not, thou worm Jacob." Isa. 41. 14.

"We are more than conquerors." Rom. 8. 37.

4. **Of Apportionment**. "Shalt thou divide." v. 6.

"Joshua.... gave it for an inheritance." Josh. 11. 23.

"There remaineth therefore a rest." Heb. 4. 8, 9.

II. GOD'S CALL TO CHARACTER.

1. **Strong**. "Strong.... good courage." v. 6.

"Fearful heart, Be strong, fear not." Isa. 35. 4.

"Quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16. 13.

2. **Submissive**. "Observe.... the law." v. 7.

"Observe to do.... hath commanded you." Deut. 5. 32.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet." Psa. 119. 105.

3. **Studios**. "Meditate therein." v. 8.

"Lay up.... my words in your heart." Deut. 11. 18.

"Scripture.... given by inspiration of God." 2 Tim. 3. 16, 17.

4. **Successful**. "Good success," margin, "wisely." v. 8.

"The Lord giveth wisdom." Prov. 2. 6.

"Be ye.... wise as serpents." Matt. 10. 16.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.

The Conditions of True Success in Life.

1. True success attends the man who hears God's call to him, and who accepts it. v. 1, 2.

2. True success attends the man who has prepared himself for it by lowly service. v. 1.

3. True success attends the man who puts God's promises to the test of his own experience, by seeking to fulfil them. v. 2-5.

4. True success attends the man who lives in fellowship with God and the consciousness of the divine presence. v. 5.

5. True success demands energy in action and courage in facing difficulties. v. 6, 7.

6. True success demands exact fidelity to the word of God, and a following in the path of his promises. v. 7.

7. True success requires meditation and thought upon God's word, having it in the heart and mind, as well as in the life. v. 8.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

10. By what means were our first parents led to commit so great a sin against God?

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