

## Lesson I.

## JOSHUA ENCOURAGED

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Joshua 1 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Be strong and of a good courage.—Josh. 1 : 9.

1 Now after the death of Mo'ses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Josh'ua the son of Nun, Mo'ses' minister, saying,

2 Mo'ses my servant is dead ; now therefore arise, go over this Jor'dan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Is'rael.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Mo'ses.

4 From the wilderness and this Leb'anon even unto the great river, the river Euphra'tes, all the land of the Hit'tites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life : as I was with Mo'ses, so I will be with thee : I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage : for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous,

that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Mo'ses my servant commanded thee : turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth ; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein : for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee ? Be strong and of a good courage ; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed : for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Josh'ua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals ; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jor'dan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

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THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as Moses, the great leader of the Israelites was dead, the Lord called for Joshua to bring His people across the Jordan and see them safely settled in the land of Canaan.

At this time Joshua was about eighty-four years old and was the only man in all Israel except Caleb, who could remember the time when the people had once been slaves in Egypt, and the wonderful crossing of the Red Sea.

But it was not only because of his age and wisdom that Joshua was now made general, but that he had so often proved himself to be a brave man and a good soldier. Every one had heard of how as a young man he

had once saved the whole nation, when they were attacked by the fierce people of the desert, also how he had bravely stood out against the evil report of the spies when Moses sent him with them to explore the new country.

Now there was yet much fighting to be done with the heathen people of the land before the Israelites could be masters in Canaan ; so, while God's people were still encamped outside of it on the banks of the river Jordan, the Lord called Joshua and said, "See, there is only this river between you and the promised country. Look across and behold what a large and beautiful land it is. Soon every part of it that