

GOLDEN TEXT

Joshua 1:9. Be strong and of a good courage.

DAILY READINGS

M. — Joshua 1: 1-11. Joshua encouraged.
 T. — Joshua 1: 12-18. Obedient people.
 W. — Exodus 3: 7-15. Moses encouraged.
 Th. — Deut. 17: 14-20. God's law to be read.
 F. — Dan. 10: 10-21. Be strong!
 S. — 2 Tim. 2: 1-15. A good soldier.
 S. — Psalm 27. Strength from God.

CATECHISM

Q. 43. What is the preface to the ten commandments?
 A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

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Juniors—1 Who had been the leader of the Israelites? Who now succeeded him? What does the name mean? What New Testament name is the same?

2, 3 What work was to be done? How many were the people? How much of the land were they to possess? When had God told them this? (Deut. 11: 24.)

4 What was the northern boundary of the land? The southern? The eastern? The western? What is our "promised land"? (John 1: 12; 1 Tim. 4: 8.)

5 In whose strength was Joshua to fight? With what result? With whom had God been previously, after the same manner?

6 To whom had God sworn to give the land? Quote proof passages. By what is courage produced? (Acts 5: 29; 1 Tim. 3: 13.) For what do we need courage?

7-9 What law was to be observed? What promise attached? In what book was the law contained? What three things was Joshua to do with this book of the law?

10, 11 To what action does the Lord's message lead Joshua? What promise does he give the people?

Seniors and the Home Department—1, 2 Where were the Israelites at this time? What were their circumstances? Who was now their leader? When had he made his first appearance? (Ex. 17: 8-16.) When did he receive his authority? (Num. 27: 18.)

3, 4 What was Joshua's mission? What was the extent of the promised land? What its riches and value? (Num. 13: 27; Deut. 1: 25.) What is our promised land? (Matt. 6: 33; 1 Cor. 2: 9; Heb. 11: 13-16.) What prevents from entering it? (Heb. 3: 19; 4: 11.) What warning given? (Heb. 4: 1.) What

TIME AND PLACE

Forty years after the going out from Egypt; in the spring of B.C. 1451. But some scholars fix the date about 1251 B.C. The place was the plains of Moab east of and near the fords of the Jordan. The great city of Jericho stood opposite and in full sight. The wilderness was behind them, Canaan before.

LESSON PLAN

I. A Leader Instructed, 1-4.
 To carry out the purpose of God.
 II. A Leader Encouraged, 5-9.
 Through God's presence and God's Word.
 III. A Leader Acting, 10, 11.
 In preparing God's people to possess the land.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 246; 96 (Ps. Sel.); 248; 534; 251; 590.

difficulties in the way of the Israelites? (Num. 13: 28-33.) What in our way? (Eph. 6: 12; Gal. 5: 17.) How to be overcome? (Eph. 6: 18; Gal. 5: 18, 22-24.)

5-9 What four elements of true success are given here? What gives true courage? (Eph. 3: 12.) Against what do boys and girls require courage? What is our duty in reference to the study of God's Word? (John 17: 17; Acts 17: 11; 2 Tim. 3: 15; 2 Pet. 1: 19.)

10, 11 What preparation did Joshua make?

Prove from Scripture—That we should meditate on God's law.

Practical Points—1. Mr. B. F. Jacobs, a leader in the Sabbath School enterprise, who recently died, gave as his last message to his fellow-workers,— "Men die, but Christ lives, and the work goes on."

2. There is no higher title of nobility than "Servant of the Lord"; for are we not told that in heaven "His servants do serve Him, and His name is on their foreheads"?

3. "Moses is dead; now therefore arise"—Thus, to-day, God addresses the young and vigorous. The passing away of the old leaders is but a louder trumpet call to the new to press forward the battle.

4. The land was theirs by God's promise. But only what they conquered they would get. A Chinese proverb runs, "What will you have? says God. Pray for it, and take it."

5. Study the great wars of history. It is the nations who believe in God who have been the great fighters. Atheism dissolves courage. Faith nourishes it.

6. What we prize much we are apt to think about much and to talk much about; and what we think and talk much about becomes thereby to be the more prized. (Apply this to Bible study.)

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was Joshua's great task?

2. By what assurances was he strengthened?

3. How was he to deal with the "book of the law"?