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THE COMMISSION OF JOSHUA.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness."—Eph. 6: 14

I. THE NEW LEADER. 1. *Now after the death of Moses*, as described in the last chapter of Deuteronomy. *The servant of the Lord.* A high and honorable title, carrying with it a reference to the peculiar nature of the service in which Moses was employed. *The Lord*: Jehovah, as always when printed in capitals in our version. *Spake unto Joshua.* From Deut. 31: 14 it seems highly probable that God's words on this occasion were delivered from the tabernacle. *Joshua.* 1. His name. His name was originally *Oshea*, or Hosea, "help," "salvation," and was afterwards changed by Moses to Jehoshua, *i. e.*, the help or salvation of Jehovah. Modified by its passing through the Greek, it took the form of *Jesus*. 2. His earlier life. Joshua grew up to manhood while Moses was an exile in the wilderness of Sinai. His first appearance was as a commander of the Israelite forces in a battle with the Amalekites soon after the Exodus (Ex. 17: 8-16). He then became an attendant or aide-de-camp to Moses. He was one of the spies. Near the close of the life of Moses, he was solemnly invested with authority over the people (Num. 27: 18; Deut. 31; 14 23). In his 84th year, in obedience to the divine commission which our lesson rehearses, he assumed command of the people, and began a career of conquest which for both the difficulties and splendid successes which attended it, stands almost without a parallel. He died at the age of 110 years, after a life of stainless piety and brilliant achievements. 3 His character. Joshua was distinguished (1) for courage. He was a simple, straightforward, undaunted soldier. (2) As a general he was distinguished by a faculty of keen observation concerning the plans and forces of his foes. (3) We mark as specially prominent, a simple-hearted trust in God. (4) Another characteristic was his superiority to temptation. (5) His humility was conspicuous. (6) Notwithstanding these excellences, he was not faultless. He once forgot to ask God for wisdom; and his forgetfulness led to keen humiliation (Josh, 9: 14-27). He also leaned too much to leniency, forgetting that leniency to criminals is always cruelty to the innocent (Judges 2: 1-5).

II. THE WORK TO BE DONE BY HIM. 2. *Now therefore arise:* spend no more time in grief, hesitate no longer from want of confidence to take the place of the great leader: God calls you, take up your work. *Go over this Jordan*: which lay within sight and rolled its waters between them and the land of promise.

The Jordan. (*a*) Its name, the Descender, from the rapidity of its flow. (*b*) Its sources are in the Lebanon Mountains which are "alive with bursting fountains and gushing streams." (*c*) Its size. Its length from its source to the Dead Sea is about 136 miles in a straight line. But its windings make the course of the river much longer. The descent from its highest source is 3000 feet. *Thou and all this people:* numbering, according to the last census, 601 730 from 20 years old and upwards (see Num. 26: 51), or over 2,000,000 in all.

3 *Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon.* That is, every place within the limits specified in the ensuing verse. *As I said unto Moses*: Deut. 11: 24, where the promise is given almost word for word.

Extent of the Promised Land. 4. *From the wilderness*: the Desert of Arabia, where the Israelites wandered so long. This was the southern boundary. *And this Lebanon*: called "this" because visible from the region where the Israelites were encamped. Lebanon signifies white mountain, from its snow-clad summits. This was the northern boundary. *Unto the great river, the river Euphrates*: their eastern boundary. *All the land of the Hittites*: descendants of Heth, the second son of Canaan (Gen. 10: 15). It has lately been discovered that the Hittites were once a great and powerful nation, holding control of the region just described. *Unto the great sea:* the Mediterranean, the western boundary of the Israelites. *Shall be your coast*: or borders. All this was promised to the Israelites, and during the reigns of David and Solomon was held by them. They did not hold it all the time because they would not fulfil the conditions required.

Blessings of the Promised Land. The records of Rameses II. show the condition of Palestine and the adjacent countries in the age of Moses itself. The Egyptian king brought back from them, he tells us, gold, glass, gums, cattle, slaves, ivory, ebony, boats, horses, chariots inlaid with gold and silver, or painted, iron, steel, dates, oil, wine, asses, cedar, suits of armor, fragrant wood, war galleys, incense, gold dishes with handles, ornaments of lapis lazuli, silver dishes, precious stones, honey, lead, spears of brass, colors,—the plunder, in fact, of a rich and civilized country. The meadows of Palestine, its fortresses, its groves, and its orchards are mentioned, showing that prosperity of every kind abounded.

Difficulties to be encountered. There were formidable leagues of chiefs and kings, organized armies, with giants among them, war horses and iron chariots, strong stone fortresses, in a country possessed by those who knew every foot of it.

III. CONDITIONS OF ACQUIRING POSSESSION. *First Condition*, Taking possession: It is the same with God's promises to us,—heaven, holiness, usefulness, blessedness. Only so far as we can take them into our experience, only so far as we conquer the sins and enemies in their way, can we hold them in possession.

Second Condition, God's presence with us. 5 *There shall not any man be able to stand before thee*: as an enemy in battle, successfully. The promise made to the whole nation, in Deut. 11: 25, is here made to Joshua as the leader of the nation. It was literally fulfilled; for not once in the lifetime of Joshua did the Israelites suffer a permanent defeat. Thus is it still: God's people, marching under the banner of their Captain, are called to fight, but they are not defeated.

Third Condition, Courage. 6 *Be strong and of a good courage.* Be strong and firm, or vigorous. The age needs strong and decided Christian characters, such as will not sink into indolence, and such as cannot be shaken by the suggestions of doubt. *Shalt thou divide for an inheritance.* That is, you shall conquer the country, and be able to distribute it among the tribes. It was an inheritance, because it came to them from God.

Fourth Condition, Obedience to God. 7. *That thou mayest observe to do according to all the law.* It would require courage under many circumstances to keep the law perfectly amid the surrounding worldliness and idolatry. *Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left.* Perfect obedience is represented by a straight line, and a course of sin by a crooked way. *That thou mayest prosper. For prosper, read act wisely*, as the Hebrew word strictly means. Real prosperity and success in the affairs of life are the result of a wise, discreet, and prudent course of conduct, and inseparable from it, and it is vain to look for it from any other source.

Fifth Condition, Study of God's Word. 8. *This book of the law.* The five Books of Moses. This Bible was their one religious authority. With this Bible Joshua was to do three things: (1) *Shall not depart out of thy mouth.* He must talk about it and teach it. He must make it the theme of his conversation. It must be a familiar book. All his teachings must be biblical. (2) *Thou shalt meditate therein day and night.* Even this busiest of men must study his Bible; let it be continually in his thoughts. No careless reading would do, but earnest, long continued study. We must meditate on the Bible till we are imbued with its spirit, permeated through and through with it; for then only can we see the glory and power of each portion of truth. (3) *Observe to do according to all that is written therein.* All the study in the world is in vain without obedience. By obedience, we know the truth; by knowing the truth, we are aided to obey. The value of the study of the Word is to enable us to obey. (4) The results: *Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous.* Obedience to God, intelligent and conscientious, is the only way to true prosperity.

9. *Have not I commanded thee?* I, whose authority is paramount; whose power is infinite; who am able to carry thee through all difficulties and dangers, and whom thou art bound implicitly to obey. So in the Christian warfare, it is the God of heaven whose battles we fight, and in whose service we are engaged. *For the Lord thy God is with thee. Take* hold of the promise, and KEEP that hold.

The Little Telescope.

AN ALLEGORY FOR CHILDREN.

I was not asleep, my dear young friends, but I saw in a dream a young lad, who had left his father's house and was seeking a home. He came to a valley where he saw two large extensive palaces, one on either side of the road. Just then a venerable-looking man approached him, who told him that both these mansions were open to travelers, and he might choose which he would for a place of rest. The lad asked his counsel, when the old man gave him a little telescope and bade him use that, and then make his decision. Looking through it at first nothing seemed distinct, but his friend directed him to use it very carefully, and, having shown him how to adjust it, he went away.

The attention of this youth was first attracted to the mansion on the left side of the road. It was a fantastic erection, with columns, minarets, pinnacles, and domes. On its roofs were many sparkling, gilded vanes, and flags of bright colors floated in the breeze. The door was wide open, and at it stood a young female, very gaily dressed, who, with trumpet in hand, shouted welcome, and promised to all who would enter the fulfilment of their wishes and continual happiness. The youth waited awhile as he saw a number of persons coming along the road. He noticed they were attracted by the gay look of the building and the welcome of the woman at the gate, and so they almost all went in. He was about to follow, but before he did so he sat down on a grassy mound near at hand to leisurely look at the place.

At first he gazed through the doors and open windows, and there he saw bands of merry dancers, banquets of fruit and other luxuries; those who had entered were welcomed with shouts of laughter and seated on easy couches, and sparkling wine was handed to them. But then he remembered the little telescope; looking through that he saw all more clearly. He noticed that all the building and its furniture was full of rottenness and in danger of falling. He saw a basket of fruit; it looked fair, but he noticed that within it lay a small poison-fanged snake, ready to bite with venom anyone who touched. When first the visitors entered they shouted and sang for happiness, but in a very short time the effect of the wine went off, they seemed to grow dissatisfied and weary. Some, very few, made an escape; but when they were outside they turned faint, and lay down groaning with pain, and seemed unable to go on. At the farther side of the hall there was a large black iron doorway; a strong porter stood by, and one after another he laid hold of the guests and forced them through. Strange to say the others scarcely noticed when one of their companions had gone, but went on the same as ever. Curious to know the meaning of this, the youth so directed his little telescope that once, just as the door opened, he caught a glimpse; he saw that those who were pushed through fell into a pit of darkness, where they lay weeping and wailing and gnashing their teeth with pain, and were unable to escape.

He resolved that should not be his home; but, lest he should make a mistake, he determined to fairly look at the mansion on the other side of the road. He had some little difficulty at first, for the place was surrounded by lofty trees and luxuriant foliage. But the more he looked the more beautiful the home appeared. It was built of white marble, without a flaw of any kind. The doorway was narrow and in the form of a cross; very few were entering, for the steps were very steep. But all who resolved to make their home there, found the help of a strong one to enable them to climb the steps and pass the doorway; and, on being admitted, they were taken aside and completely washed in pure water, and attired in a new and fair dress. Looking still more carefully he saw that the tables within were spread with nourishing food and rich and ripe fruits. There were also very lovely flowers, but this he noticed, that none of them had a thorn. He saw none of the wild dancing and gaiety he had observed in the other mansion, but a calm spirit of happiness seemed to be possessed by all. He especially noticed that there was continually present the lord of the mansion, who was of majestic yet gentle demeanor. He was a man whose countenance had a beauty surpassing that of the angels, not without some traces of sorrow; yet there seemed such an expression of love that all delighted to gaze on him. He moved about speaking to one after another, and each one to whom he spoke seemed to forget all trouble and be filled with joy. The youth, looking carefully, noticed however, at the farther side of the hall a large black iron gate, through which one guest after another was passing, similar to what he saw in the other mansion. By careful adjustment of his glass he caught a glimpse of what was beyond. There was a marble staircase, leading to a large upper room; so far as he could discern, its dimensions were inconceivably great, and its glories dazzling; it was paved with gold and adorned with jewels. All who entered were robed in dazzling white, and became very beautiful. In the centre sat a most majestic and glorious king, from whose countenance there streamed a light that filled all the place. Everybody seemed perfectly happy. There were many children there; each had a beautiful white robe and a coronet of jewels that made them look like little kings and queens, and they were altogether singing a most beautiful song of praise. When the youth saw this he decided at once, and rose to enter the palace of white marble, and then my dream came to an end.

But, my dear young friends, the meaning is this: The one palace is sinful pleasure, the other is Jesus Christ; and the little telescope which can show us which is best is the Bible. And in early life every one of you must choose which you will make the home of your soul: and the Bible is given us that you may make the wisest, best, and happiest choice.—*Rev. J. H Cooke.*

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