

Joshua 1: 1-11—Memory Verse, 7.

Golden Text—I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Joshua 1: 5.

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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the death of Moses, the Lord spoke to Joshua, whom He had chosen as leader in Moses' stead, to take care of His people, saying, "Now that My servant Moses is dead, arise and lead My people Israel over the river Jordan, in to the land of Canaan, the land which I do give to them."

"The whole land", God said, "shall be yours, from the north to the south, and from this wilderness on the east to the great sea on the west. You shall conquer all the land and the cities and towns, for none of the people of Canaan shall be able to stand against you, because I, the Lord your God, will be with you always, to help and to encourage you: Be thou, therefore, strong and brave, and full of hope, for this land shall certainly one day be divided up among

My people, even as I promised to their fathers to give it to them."

God also warned Joshua that, when they were come into the good land of Canaan, he and his people must never forget Him, but worship and serve Him and keep all His commandments, which Moses had written down for them. They were to be very careful to do exactly what God's laws said, and they were to think of them and study them day and night. Then they would surely prosper and have good success.

And God gave to Joshua this wonderful assurance: "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."

Then Joshua called all the officers of the