

enterprise is according to old lines. New circumstances are to be met on old principles. *Turn not . . . to right hand or left.* The obedience is to be implicit. Brilliancy of leadership without obedience is like the mighty engine without the rails. *Prosper whithersoever thou goest.* Joshua had seen in the past the evil that resulted from ignoring God's will. *Law shall not depart out of thy mouth.* Joshua's speech, Joshua's thoughts, Joshua's plans were all to be in subjection to God's laws. *Be strong and of good courage.* Joshua was not to go timidly to his task. The law was not a burden but an inspiration. It would not bar the way but pave the way.

Lesson Questions

What training had Joshua for his task ?

What was Joshua's task ?

Describe the extent of the Promised Land.

On what was Joshua's success conditioned ?

For Further Study and Discussion

1. Why did Moses not enter the Promised Land ? (Num. 20 : 7-12.)

2. Where does Moses appear in the New Testament ? (Luke 9 : 30.)

3. Should the Bible be made a school textbook ?

4. Is it a Christian duty to secure Christian legislation ?

PROVE FROM SCRIPTURE—That faith gives victory.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Ques. 49.

THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

Monday—Joshua a patriot and leader, Josh. 1 : 1-9.

When you are thinking about your talents or lack of talents, remember that our passage teaches that the greatest talent is obedience. Brilliancy reveals ourself. God flames through obedience. We are qualified to be leaders only when we are followers.

Tuesday—Joshua's first battle, Ex. 17 : 8-16.

Joshua learned in vivid fashion at Rephidim that no man can explain his own victories. No matter how bravely Joshua fought, he only prevailed when Moses' arms were uplifted. The Pharisee in the temple, with his self-achieved virtues, thanked God that he was not as other men. We thank God for the same fact. The fewer such, the better.

Wednesday—Joshua, Moses' minister, Ex. 24 : 12-18.

Companionship with the great, whether through actual contact or through books, is a great opportunity. The Bible is far more than a book. It is a meeting place where we keep company with great men, great thoughts, great occasions. We come down from the mount and carry something of this greatness to daily life.

Thursday—Joshua's consecration, Num. 27 : 15-23.

Consecration to a great task may be expressed in a formal ceremonial way. But it is having the spirit within, not the laying on of hands, that counts. Wherever love is, there is consecration. A true mother ministering in the home is as really consecrated as he who ministers at the altar.

Friday—Moses' charge to Joshua, Deut. 31 : 1-8.

What will your verdict on life be in old age ? Moses' verdict was, "God has not failed. God will not fail." He had gathered this splendid verdict by the way. Trouble not about what old age may bring to you. Concern yourself rather about what you may bring to old age.

Saturday—Joshua warns the people, Josh. 1 : 12-18.

Thou shalt not rest till thy brethren have rest. This is a far reaching principle. We cannot sit down and eat our morsel of bread alone while others have no bread. True equality means more than equality of privileges. It means an equality of burdens and hardships.

Sunday—The Lord with Joshua, Josh. 5 : 10-15.

Moses took off his shoes before the shining bush. Joshua before the shining sword. Wherever God reveals himself men must bow. To-day we bow in the presence of the cross. Far more than bush or sword, the cross reveals the deepest truth of God. "Let us turn aside and see this greater sight."

A PRAYER

Teach us, Lord, that when we stand alone we are helpless, but that with thee at our side, directing us and controlling us, we are invincible. Lead us on to glorious conquest, over sin, over the enemies in the world. And rule thou in all the world. For thine own name's sake. Amen.