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# Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for October 24

## JOSHUA, ISRAEL'S NEW LEADER

LESSON TEXT—Num. 27:18-20; Joshua 1:1-9.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—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.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Joshua the New Leader.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—The Task of Joshua.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—The Secret of a Strong and Useful Life.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—Preparation for True Service.

The book of Joshua, from which our lesson is taken, is a history of the conquest of the promised land and its division among the tribes of Israel. It takes its name from its principal character, Joshua.

I. Joshua, the New Leader of Israel (Num. 27:18-20).

The people were not to be left in doubt as to a leader when Moses was gone. The leader was to be appointed and given recognition before all the congregation.

During the wilderness journey Joshua was Moses' minister and the captain of his army. When Moses was denied the privilege of going over the Jordan, Joshua was appointed to the leadership of Israel. Moses, the representative of the law, brought Israel to the borders of Canaan. Joshua was the man chosen to lead the people into the place of rest. The name "Joshua" has the same derivation as the name "Jesus."

II. Joshua Commanded to Take Charge (Josh. 1:2).

Moses was dead, but God's work must go on, therefore God issued the command for the new leader to assume his duty.

III. God Renews His Promise to Israel Concerning the Land (Josh. 1:3-4).

This promise had been given to Abraham and renewed to Isaac, Jacob and Moses. It is now renewed to Israel as they were about to enter upon its possession. The borders of the land were "from the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun." The nearest this territory was ever possessed was during the reign of David and Solomon, though not then fully realized. This land still belongs to the Jews, and in God's own time they shall possess it. Their possession of this land was due entirely to themselves. God promised them that wherever their feet stood upon the land it was theirs.

IV. God's Presence Promised (Josh. 1:5).

Joshua was entering upon a perilous and difficult enterprise, but the Lord said to him: "I will be with you, and you shall overcome every one that you shall fight against."

1. The Jordan river (v. 2).

This river was now at its flood (Josh. 3:15), making it impossible for people to cross.

2. The people were living in walled cities (Num. 13:28).

Notwithstanding this, God was ready to insure success.

(1) "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (v. 5).

(2) "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee."

(3) "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." Joshua had been with Moses throughout their forty years' experience from the Egyptian deliverance to the time of his death. Because he believed that God was with his master, he was willing and ready to cross the Jordan at its flood-tide and courageously meet the enemies on the other side.

V. Conditions of Blessing in the Land (Josh. 1:6-9).

1. "Be strong and of a good courage."

His mission was to go in and divide the land among the tribes for an inheritance. It required strength and courage to do this.

2. "Unwavering obedience to the Word of God" (v. 7).

In a land of idolatry it required much courage to be true to God. Prosperity and success were conditioned upon unwavering obedience to God's commands. In all his work he must conform his life to the law of God. To pass from the path outlined therein would bring disaster and ruin. In order to accomplish this the law of the Lord must be in his mouth continually. He was to meditate therein day and night.

Joshua rendered prompt obedience, he did not stop to cavil, but at once gave order for the march. God made the plan and gave the directions.

### Culture

We hear so much nowadays about "culture." Culture is all right when you have something to cultivate. First make sure that you have the divine nature, then cultivate it.—D. L. Moody.

### Day and Evening

Day, like a weary pilgrim, had reached the western gate of heaven, and Evening stooped down to unloose the tethers of his sandal shoe.—Longfellow.

## In Memory of Mrs. Ella Carver

On September 16th, at six thirty in the evening the beautiful spirit of Mrs. Ella Carver went home to God. Her health had been failing for some months. Her stay on earth was eighty years. Earth has been made poorer and Heaven richer by her going. She was a member of North Roxboro Baptist Church, and was a faithful and loyal member of Sunday School and church. We miss her smiling face in our midst. To know her was to love her. She was sick only a short while and everything was done for her that loving hands could do to relieve her, but nothing could stay the hand of death. Her last words were, "I am ready and willing to go." Oh, what a consolation for the bereaved ones. That if they live as mother lived the home circle shall not be broken but they shall all meet up yonder, where there shall be no more parting, but where all is peace and love. She leaves to mourn their loss six girls and one boy and a host of friends.

She was laid to rest in the home burying ground. Funeral services were conducted by her Pastor, Rev. J. C. McGee, Jr. She was laid to rest underneath a bed of flowers. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones. Can we forget her? No. Her earthly form may go, her kindly smile be hidden in the sod; but when those anthems ring, fond memories they will bring, of our beloved sister, gone to rest with God.—Written by her Sunday School Teacher.

### Administratrix Notice

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of D. P. Harris, deceased, late of Person County, State of

North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned on or before the 20th of September, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing said estate will please make immediate payment. This Sept. 20th, 1926.

MRS. ELLEN F. HARRIS, Administratrix.

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