

Joshua



Who is Joshua?

- He lived in the Old Testament.
- He was a disciple of a great prophet.
- He was a disciple for 40 yrs – he was a young man.
- He helped the people cross the Jordan.
- He was the leader when defeating Jericho.
- His name means to save.
- He went up with his teacher/master on the Holy Mountain

Who is Joshua?

- He went to spy about the promised land (*“The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them.”*) Numbers 14: 7-9
- He was chosen by God to be leader. (*“Be strong and of good courage; for you must go with this people to the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, He is the one who goes before you; He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed”*) Deut. 31

Who is Joshua?

- He got the following promise and command from God
 - *“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with [your teacher], so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which [your teacher] My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:5-9*

What can we learn from Joshua?

- He did not give in to peer pressure.
 - Even though 10 people said they can't get into the land because the people are stronger, him and Caleb believed in God's help.
- His fear
 - He was humble and felt the huge responsibility following the leadership of Moses.
- God's command and promise
 - With the responsibility, God sends the help, comfort, promises.
 - Keeping God's commandments – a lesson to those who say they don't have time to read the Bible. Do we have as much responsibility as Joshua?
- His discipleship
 - He learned a lot from Moses - prayer, dealing with God and God's way of dealing w/us.