

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOSHUA 1

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God said to Joshua very plainly, "Moses My servant is dead." Now Joshua had all the responsibility placed squarely on his shoulders and immediately God instructed him, "**Arise, go over this Jordan...**" Grieving time can be short when it comes to leadership. The leader who leaves or is taken to heaven has finished their course. The people of God can grieve and should, but they cannot stay where the last leader left them, they must fulfill their purpose and conquer the land that is before them. God gives Joshua the coordinates of the land parameters He had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Those boundaries were and are much larger than the people conquered then and have yet to conquer in their existence. Some would argue that during the days of David and Solomon that was accomplished, but that is highly debatable. One day the people of Israel will conquer all the land, by God's grace and favor.

"From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. No man shall be

able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you." Joshua 1:4-5

Joshua was immediately encouraged by God as to what to do and how he was to accomplish his task. Joshua was to be strong and courageous. He was to follow all the law that God had given to Moses without fail. The straight course God laid out was the only way to success; he was not to deviate to the right or the left. God said, "**the Book of the Law was not to depart from his mouth**" and that he was to, "**meditate in it day and night.**" What that means is that Joshua was to "saturate" himself with the Word, to ruminate the words Moses had spoken. This saturation had a goal! It was not just to get the Words of God inside him as a part of his life, but this must lead to "doing the word!" Knowledge which does not lead to obedience only puffs up (I Corinthians 13).

Prayer and Action Steps

Dear God, help me to saturate myself with your Word and Do it!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

