

Joshua 1 Bible Study Outline

Theme: Courageous Faith and God's Faithful Presence

I. God Commissions Joshua (Joshua 1:1-9)

A. The Transition of Leadership (vv. 1-2)

- Moses, God's servant, has died.
- Joshua is chosen to lead Israel into the Promised Land.
- God calls Joshua to continue the mission.

Key Lesson: God's work continues even when leaders change.

B. God's Promise of Victory (vv. 3-5)

- Every place Joshua sets foot will belong to Israel.
- God's promise fulfills what was spoken to Moses.
- No enemy will ultimately prevail against Joshua.

Key Lesson: God's promises provide confidence for His people.

C. The Call to Courage and Obedience (vv. 6-9)

- "Be strong and courageous" is repeated three times.
- Success is tied to obedience to God's Word.
- Joshua is instructed to meditate on the Law continually.
- God promises His presence wherever Joshua goes.

Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9

II. Joshua Prepares the People (Joshua 1:10-15)

A. Instructions to the Officers (vv. 10-11)

- Joshua commands the leaders to prepare provisions.

- The people will cross the Jordan in three days.

Key Lesson: Faith involves preparation and action.

B. Reminder to the Eastern Tribes (vv. 12-15)

- Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh had already received land east of the Jordan.
- They are reminded of their commitment to help their fellow Israelites conquer Canaan.
- Unity and shared responsibility are emphasized.

Key Lesson: God's people are called to support one another.

III. The People's Response (Joshua 1:16-18)

A. Commitment to Follow Joshua (vv. 16-17)

- The people pledge obedience to Joshua.
- They recognize God's authority upon Joshua's leadership.

Key Lesson: God-honoring leadership deserves faithful support.

B. Encouragement for Joshua (v. 18)

- The people repeat God's command: "Be strong and courageous."
- They affirm their loyalty and readiness to move forward.

Key Lesson: Encouragement strengthens God's servants for their tasks.

Major Themes

1. God's Presence

- "I will be with you" is the foundation of courage and success.

2. Courage

- Courage is not the absence of fear but trust in God's promises.

3. Obedience to God's Word

- Spiritual success comes through faithful obedience.

4. Leadership

- Joshua demonstrates servant leadership rooted in dependence on God.

5. Unity Among God's People

- Israel's success depends on cooperation and mutual commitment.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God repeatedly told Joshua to be strong and courageous?
2. How does God's presence help believers face uncertainty today?
3. What role does Scripture meditation play in spiritual growth?
4. What can we learn from the eastern tribes' commitment to help the rest of Israel?
5. How can we encourage leaders in our church and community?
6. Which promise or command in Joshua 1 stands out to you most, and why?

Practical Application

This chapter teaches that when God calls us to a task, He provides His presence, His promises, and His Word as the foundation for success. Like Joshua, believers are called to move forward in faith, obey God's instructions, and trust Him through times of transition and challenge.

Application

- Encouragement can strengthen someone facing a difficult assignment.
- God often uses His people to reinforce His promises.

Conclusion

Main Truths

1. God keeps His promises.
2. Courage comes from God's presence.
3. Obedience to God's Word leads to spiritual success.
4. God's people should work together in unity.

Take-Home Challenge

This week, whenever you face a difficult situation, remember Joshua 1:9 and ask: **"Am I focusing on the challenge, or on the God who is with me?"**

Memory Verse

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."