

Joshua Arise!

TEXT: Joshua 1:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

- A. OT CHARACTERS SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF **FAITH** AND **COURAGE**.
- B. **JOSHUA** IS SUCH A CHARACTER.
 - 1. Faith and courage led to **dedication**.
 - 2. And to unduplicated success (**Josh. 21:43; 24:31**).
- C. JOSHUA CHOSEN BECAUSE HE WAS EQUAL TO THE TASK.
 - 1. **Rare character** – see the 12 spies (**Num. 13**) – not subject to follow the crowd.
 - 2. A **rare task** requiring the rare character of Joshua.

I. THE GREAT PROMISES.

- A. THE LAND PROMISE (**vs. 2-4**).
 - 1. A promise God made good (**Josh. 21:43; Neh. 9:7-8**).
 - 2. A promise has been made to us (**John 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:1**).
- B. STRENGTH TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY (**vs. 5**).
 - 1. Strength from God.
 - 2. God commands us to be strong and mature (**1 Cor. 16:13**).
 - 3. True strength comes from God (**Eph. 6:10**).
 - a. How strong is God? (**Eph. 1:19-20**).
 - b. I can do all things (**Phil. 4:13**).
 - 4. Where do we find this strength? (**Eph. 6:14-17**).

THE GOSPEL ARMOR!

1 Sam. 17:47

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD

- C. PROSPERITY AND GOOD SUCCESS (**vs. 7-8**).
 - 1. In blessings (**James 1:17-18; Eph. 1:3**).
 - 2. In accomplishment (**Col. 1:10-11; John 15:5**).
- F. FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD (**vs. 9**).
 - 1. When Israel was good (**Isa. 41:10**).
 - on the personal level (**Psa. 27:1, 4; 84:10-12**).
 - 2. What about us (**2 Cor. 6:16-18**).
 - on a personal level (**1 John 1:3, 7**).

II. THE GREAT CONDITIONS.

GREAT BECAUSE OF THE RESULT.

- A. BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE (**vs. 6, 7, 9**).
 - 1. Joshua's need for courage.
 - a. The responsibility of leading God's people (**vs. 2-3, 6**).
 - b. The difficulties of the task (**Num. 13:31-33**).
 - 2. Our need for courage (**1 Pet. 5:8**).
 - a. Our responsibilities (**1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12**).
 - b. The dangers (**Eph. 5:15-16; Heb. 13:6**).
- B. OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THE LAW (**vs. 7**).
 - 1. The great and the small (**Matt. 23:23**).
 - 2. All of the Law is important because of who it comes from (**James 2:10**).
 - 3. To neglect it is to sin (**Matt. 7:21; James 4:17**).
- C. TURN NOT FROM IT TO THE RIGHT HAND OR THE LEFT (**vs. 7**).
 - 1. Because of temptations (**1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:12**).
 - 2. Because of hardship or persecution (**2 Tim. 3:12; 2:11-13**).
 - 3. Because of distraction (**2 Tim. 2:3-4; Heb. 12:1**).
 - 4. Because of false doctrines (**Matt. 15:13-14; Rom. 16:17-18; Col. 2:8**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE PROMISES GOD MAKES TO US ARE WONDERFUL.
- B. JUST LIKE ISRAEL, WE HAVE OUR REST IN A PROMISED LAND.
- C. **Heb. 4:8-11**. LET US THEREFORE GIVE DILIGENCE TO ENTER INTO THAT REST.