



JOSHUA

KEYS TO VICTORY

OUTLINE

GOD IS IN CHARGE

TRUST and OBEY

DEAL WITH SIN

SEEK GOD

GOD FIGHTS for ISRAEL

- The Commission
- Captain of the Lord's army
- Battle of Jericho
- Follow all instructions exactly

- Battle with Ai
- Deal with Achan's sin

- Deception of Gibeonites
- Not seeking God's counsel

- Battle with 5 Amorite kings
- Be strong and courageous

THE COMMISSION

JOSHUA 1:1-9

Possess the land which God promised them and would give them

PROMISES

- God will be with Joshua
- God will not fail Joshua
- God will not forsake Joshua
- No man will be able to stand before Joshua, all the days of his life

COMMANDS

- Be strong and courageous
- Do not tremble or be dismayed
- Obey all of the law
- Meditate on the law day and night

Obedience to His commands ensured prosperity and success vs failures and troubles; regardless, His promises would be fulfilled

CAPTAIN OF THE LORD'S ARMY

JOSHUA 5:13-15

JOSHUA'S
QUESTION



CAPTAIN'S
RESPONSE



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QUESTION



CAPTAIN IS
GOD

- Are you with us or against us?
- There can only be 2 options
- Neither of the 2 options
- He is captain of the Lord's army
- Realizes that God is in his midst
- Falls on his face and bows down
- What does God say to his servant?
- There is only one response
- Asked Joshua to remove his sandals
- Joshua was on holy ground

CHRISTIAN PARALLELS

GOD IS IN CHARGE

God reveals in His promises that He is in charge

- He is the author and finisher of our faith (*Heb. 12:2*)
- He will complete the work He started in us (*Php. 1:6*)
- God will fulfill His promises – be encouraged
- What does God want me to do?

Obedience results in a fruitful Christian walk

- Not hindered by constant sin and discipline (*Heb. 12:7*)

BEFORE THE BATTLE

JOSHUA 5:1-12

Now was the perfect time to attack, right?

- The Amorites and Canaanites heard what God had done
- Their hearts melted
- There was no spirit in them any longer

...Not until God said it was time

- **The men needed to be circumcised** (*Gen 17:9-14, Rom 4:11*)
 - They could not fight – remember massacre at Shechem (*Gen. 34*)
 - They needed to wait until they were healed
- **The Passover had to be observed**
 - They had to wait another 7 days

BATTLE OF JERICHO

JOSHUA 6

God had given Jericho into their hands

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■ THE PEOPLE

- Men of war
- Priests

■ THE ORDER

- Men of war
- Seven priests
- The ark
- Men of war

■ THE ITEMS

- Seven trumpets of rams horns
- The ark

■ THE MARCH

- 6 days once around the wall
 - Blowing the trumpets only, no talking
- 7th day
 - March 6 times as before
 - Shout after the 7th round

COMMAND

Do not covet or take anything under the ban; gold, silver, bronze, iron were holy to the Lord

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GOD'S UNUSUAL COMMANDS

- **It did not make sense from a human viewpoint**
 - There were no battle strategies or tactics
 - The repetitive marching would seem unnecessary
 - Why did they have to be quiet during the march?
- **It did not make sense from man's perception of God**
 - His power and might were not evident in the march
 - In light of the recent miracle in crossing the Jordan, couldn't God just cause the walls to fall down

The key was to trust God and obey His commands exactly

CHRISTIAN PARALLELS

TRUST AND OBEY

Take care of the spiritual matters first

- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33)

There is a way that seems right to us

- “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Prov. 14:12, 16:25)
- The broad vs narrow way (Matt. 7:13-14)