



Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny
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Moses, Joshua And Jesus

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give them, even to the children of Israel" (Joshua 1:1-2).

"Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Joshua 13:1).

These are two interesting verses, especially when you compare them with each other. Moses led the people to the border of the promised land and then died. God gave Joshua the responsibility of leading Israel into and conquering the promised land. He has

led them to military victory and is now nearing the end of his life.

These two verses have a message for us. What can these two verses teach us? I'd ask you to consider the following:

The necessity of faithful leadership

God used the faithful leadership of Moses and Joshua to accomplish His purpose. Moses led Israel out of Egypt through the wilderness to the border of Jordan. Joshua led Israel into Canaan and to military victory and possession of Canaan. God worked powerfully through them to lead His people. God uses leaders to accomplish His purpose.

This is true in the church also. The church needs faithful leaders. It must have leaders who know God and His Word and who are faithful. This is how God chooses to work. When God has

something to do, He raises up a person to lead.

This is why we must pray for our spiritual leaders. Every spiritual leader has his weaknesses. You see this in the lives of Moses and Joshua. Yet, God can work through the leader by His power. One of the verses that I pray regularly for spiritual leaders is Colossians 1:29, "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily." Plead that the Lord will work mightily in and through your leaders. He uses them to accomplish His purposes.

Leadership has its limits

In these texts, we see that leadership does have its limits. Moses helped Israel get to the border of Canaan. Joshua led Israel to the conquest of Canaan. However, in **Joshua 13**, we see that Joshua is old and about to die. The individual tribes have to possess the territory allotted to them. This was their responsibility. Moses and Joshua had gotten them to this place. Now it was their task to lay hold of and possess the land that they had inherited in Canaan.

Godly leadership does not release us from our responsibility. Israel had two of the greatest leaders, Moses and

Joshua. But they still had to take control of and possess their territory. This was not something that Moses or Joshua could do for them. They had to step up and lay hold of it themselves.

The same applies to the church. It is true the godly leadership is a necessity. God does work through leaders. But that doesn't release believers from their personal responsibility.

For instance, your pastor may be a sound, faithful preacher. He teaches you the Scripture. He feeds you with spiritual meat week in and week out. But, you still have to search the Word for yourself. You still have to read, meditate on, and apply the Word of God to your life. No preacher can give you everything you need in a sermon or two a week. This is where you are responsible. You're responsible to dig into God's Word and apply its truth to yourselves.

That's why I say that leadership has its limits. Thank God for godly, faithful leaders. Yet, it is incumbent on every believer to seek the Lord and to follow the leadership of the leaders. We are accountable to God for our personal relationship to the Lord and our leaders.

God is our ultimate Hope.

It's interesting that the Bible makes these two verses known to us. Joshua starts by telling us that Moses had led the people and died. Now in Joshua 13, it tells us that Joshua had led people to victory and is about to die. Yet, there is still much to do.

That's the point. The Lord would enable them to take possession of Canaan. The death of Moses and the advanced age of Joshua would not be a hindrance to Israel taking possession of Canaan. It's because the Lord was with them. He would enable them to drive out the enemy, "them will I drive out from before the children of Israel" (**Joshua 13:6**). Ultimately the Lord was their Hope!

In **Joshua 13-19**, Joshua would divide the land up among the tribes. Then the tribes were to take possession of their territory. With God's help, they could drive out the remaining forces and occupy all that the Lord had promised them.

The fundamental key to Israel receiving the promised land was not Moses or Joshua. It was the presence of the Lord. The everlasting God would sustain them and lead them to victory. It wasn't dependent on Moses or Joshua but on the Lord Himself.

This is a powerful reminder to us. Our ultimate hope is the Lord. It is His

power and blessing that makes the difference. It's a great blessing to have spiritual leaders. God is good to give us family and friends and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

However, ultimately, our help comes from the Lord. He is the One who sustains us. He is the One who leads us to victory. He is the One who enables us to take possession of all that God has for us!

World Prayer Plan

September

- 1-Poland-The Lost
- 2-Portugal
- 3-Puerto Rico
- 4-Qatar
- 5-Reunion
- 6-Romania-The Church
- 7-Romania-The Lost
- 8-Russia-The Church
- 9-Russia-The Lost
- 10-Russia-Mission Efforts
- 11-Russia-Freedom and Peace
- 12-Russia-Spiritual Awakening
- 13-Rwanda
- 14-Western Sahara
- 15-Samoa
- 16-San Marino
- 17-Sao Tome
- 18-Principe
- 19-Saudi Arabia-The Church
- 20-Saudi Arabia-Open Doors

21-Saudi Arabia-Persecution
 22-Senegal
 23-Seychelles
 24-Sierra Leone
 25-Singapore
 26-Slovenia
 27-Solomon Islands
 28-Somalia
 29-South Africa-The Church
 30-South Africa-The Lost

26-Trinidad and Tobago
 27-Tunisia
 28-Turkey-The Church
 29-Turkey-The Lost
 30-Turkey-Mission Efforts
 31-Turkmenistan

October

1-South Africa-Political Future
 2-Spain-The Church
 3-Spain-The Lost
 4-Sri Lanka
 5-St. Helena and Ascension Island
 6-St. Kittis and Nevis
 7-St. Lucia
 8-St. Pierre and Miquelon
 9-St. Vincent
 10-Sudan-The Church
 11-Sudan-Persecuted Believers
 12-Suriname
 13-Svalbard
 14-Swaziland
 15-Sweden
 16-Switzerland
 17-Syria
 18-Tajikstan
 19-Tanzania-The Church
 20-Tanzania-The Lost
 21-Thailand-The Church
 22-Thailand-The Lost
 23-Togo
 24-Tokelau Island
 25-Tonga

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