

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

December 26, 2021

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:10-18 *Ed Ostrowski*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Virginia Grosskurth

Message: *Joshua Begins to Follow God's Orders*  
(Joshua 1:10-18)

### Announcements

**Pastor Kurth** thanks you for all of your cards and gifts and Christmas good wishes. I thank God for you all.

**A Blessed New Year to All!** Why not read your Bible through in 2022? Daily schedules are available on the bulletin table, but get one today! The new year starts *Saturday*.

**Faith Bible Bowling:** We've made a deposit at *Stardust Bowl* in Dyer to bowl on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 till 4. The price is \$16 per person. Pizza and pop will be provided, but you can buy sandwiches, etc. See Tracey with any questions.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone.

### **Joshua 1:1-9** *Moses Is Dead!*

Joshua was Moses' "minister" (v.1), the man he picked to defeat the first enemy Israel encountered (Ex.17:9-13). That made him the natural choice to succeed Moses, for Israel's next leader would have to be *a warrior* to rid the Promised Land of the seven Canaanite nations (Deut.7:1). From the beginning, Moses associated himself with Joshua (Ex.24:12, 13) to prepare the Jews to accept his leadership later.

Joshua was one of the 12 men Moses sent to spy out the land, and one of only *two* who remembered God said they could conquer the Canaanites if they obeyed Him (Lev.26:8; Num. 13:1—14:8). So only Joshua and Caleb were allowed to live to enter Canaan (Num.32:11,12), and of them God picked Joshua to lead Israel, and Moses ordained him in Numbers 27:18-20. Then Moses charged him to lead Israel into Canaan (Deut.31:7,8), and the Jews accepted him (Deut.34:9).

Joshua and Moses were *types of Christ*. Moses was a type of Christ in His earthly life. He is called God's servant (Josh. 1:1,2), as was Christ (Isa.42:1-3). Innocent Hebrew boys were slaughtered when both Moses & Christ were born. Both were meek, and both left riches behind to enrich their people. But Joshua became a type of Christ *in His resurrection life* when he vanquished the seven Canaanite nations, a type of how Christ in *His* resurrection life will vanquish the seven nations aligned with Antichrist (Rev.17:1-10).

Joshua's name even *means* Jesus (cf.Heb.4:8), because both names mean "Jehovah Savior." But Christ couldn't *be* Israel's Savior till he died for their sins, just as Joshua

could not save Israel from the Canaanites until Moses died for *his*.

But to bring Israel into Canaan, they'd have to *cross Jordan* (Josh.1:2). When God parted it, as He had the Red Sea (Josh.3:17), both partings typify how the Lord will someday part them *again* to lead Israel into their kingdom (Isa.11:15).

In Joshua 1:3,4, God quotes what He said to Moses (Deut.11: 24) to describe a land nearly 50,000 square miles *bigger* than the current state of Israel. It's the land God promised Abram (Gen.15:18), and Israel will fully possess it in the kingdom.

God knew *Joshua* knew the giants lived in Canaan, because he'd seen them (Num.13:33), so he told him that "not *any* man" could resist him (Josh.1:5), as He told Moses (Deut.7: 24). God vowed to be with Joshua (1:5), just as He promises Tribulation saints (Heb.13:5) so *they* won't fear men (v.6).

Moses told Joshua to "be strong" (Deut.31:7), and God quotes that to Joshua (Josh.1:6). He meant strong *in the law* (Josh.1:7). Physical strength couldn't topple the walls of Jericho, but being strong in the law would enable *God* to do it! Remember, He promised He would conquer Israel's enemies "if" they obeyed Him (Lev.26:3,8; Deut.11:8).

That's how God promised to "prosper" Joshua if he obeyed (Josh.1:7,8), *by beating the Canaanites*. Not letting the law depart out of his mouth (1:8) meant reading it aloud so people could hear and learn to obey it (cf.Deut.31:11,12).

God doesn't promise to prosper *us* if *we* obey Him, but obedience is the only proper response to grace. Meditating on the Word (Josh.1:8) will *help* us obey, and be a good testi-mony to others (ITim.4:14). It will also give us the "good success" God promised Joshua (Josh.1:8).

"Success" just means *a termination, whether good or bad*. We think of all success as good, but then to say "good success" would be redundant. If you want to come to the termination of your life and be able to say *you* enjoyed good success in your life, meditate on God's Word and obey it in every area of life.

The word "dismayed" (Josh.1:9) means to *lose* courage (1:9 cf.10:25; IChron.22:13; 28:20; IIChron.32:7). When Paul lost his courage, he got it from the brethren (Acts 28:15). When you find you are losing yours, *come to church!*

# Faith Bible Church

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December 26, 2021

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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