

Sunday School Lesson

October 8, 2023

God is Victorious

Joshua 6:1-4, 12-20

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Questions for Us Today

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Have you ever heard the Lord tell you to do something?

If so, did you obey? If not, why not?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand what the Lord told Joshua and the Israelites to do, how they responded and how things worked out.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Joshua

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Joshua

Joshua was born in bondage. He was 40 years old at the time of the exodus out of Egypt. He was about 80 when he was chosen to succeed Moses. Joshua lived to be 110 years old. Joshua 24:29; Judges 2:8.

Points of Information – Joshua

Joshua was in a group of twelve scouts (spies) sent by Moses to look at the prospects for taking the promised Land. Joshua was one of only two men (the other was Caleb) who returned with a positive report and confidence in God's promises. Numbers 14:6-9.

Points of Information – Joshua

Joshua, the son of Nun, was the successor to Moses. Numbers 27:15-23 shows a dialogue, between God and Moses, where Joshua was chosen for this role: to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land. Joshua accompanied his mentor (Moses) part of the way up the Holy Mountain, where Moses received the Law from the Lord. Exodus 24:13.

Points of Information – Joshua

The name "Joshua" is a derivation of the ancient Hebrew name "Yehoshua" and the ancient Aramaic name "Yeshua," as well as a forerunner of the name "Jesus" – meaning "Jehovah is salvation."

Moses changed this man's name from "Hosea" to "Joshua." Numbers 13:16.

Points of Information – Joshua

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Joshua challenged the Children of Israel and stated his own allegiance to God: "Choose you this day whom you will serve." "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15, KJV.

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Lesson Context - 1

In the first Chapter of Joshua, we see that Moses had died and – as the Lord directed – Joshua assumed the mantle to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.

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Lesson Context - 2

In the second Chapter of the Book of Joshua, we read of the encounter of two of his spies with a woman named Rahab.

In the third Chapter, we see how the Israelites were able to miraculously cross the Jordan River.

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Lesson Context - 3

In the fourth and fifth Chapters of the Book of Joshua, we see that the Israelites were camped across the Jordan River, preparing – under the leadership of Joshua – to attack the city of Jericho.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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Joshua 6:1-2

A Promise to the Israelites

Joshua 6:1-2 [NIV]

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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Joshua 6:3-4

Instructions to the Israelites

Joshua 6:3-4

March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the Ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

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Text – UMI Outline #3

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Joshua 6:12-20

The Choice of the Israelites

Joshua 6:12

Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the Ark of the LORD.

Joshua 6:13-14

The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the Ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the Ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding.

So on the second day, they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

Joshua 6:15-16

On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.

The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!"

Joshua 6:17

The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent.

Joshua 6:18-19

But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it.

All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into His treasury.

Joshua 6:20

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

Remember this:

**When the Lord tells us what to do
and how to do it, we must obey Him.**

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