

THE OPPOSITE OF FEAR IS FAITH

Josh.1:8 Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth.....

Rom.10:17 ..Faith comes by hearing.....the word of Christ.

Heb.11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God.

THEREFORE FEAR NOT.....

Gen.15:1 I am your shield.

2 Chr.20:15 The battle is not yours.

Ps.27:1 The Lord is my Light and Salvation, stronghold of my Life.

Is.41:10 God gives strength.

Is.43:1...redeemed, called by name...

Jn.14:1 Jesus prepares a place for us

Notes.....

JOSHUA No.3 **Be strong and courageous**



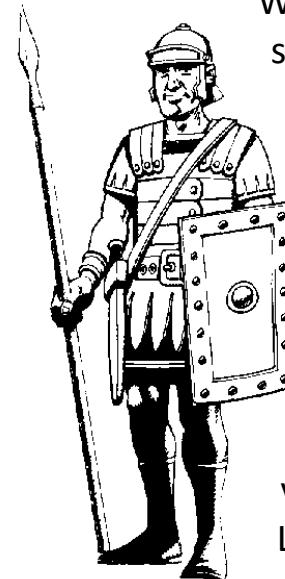
Joshua 1:6-9

3 times God said to Joshua to be strong and courageous.

It was a command, not a suggestion. But in these 3 times, God was saying 3 distinctive things.

1. LAY HOLD OF MY PROMISES

Be strong (vs.6) ...because you will lead these people..(cf.Deut.3:28).



We are called to lead people to something which someone else has promised them.

cf.Hebrews 6:16-19

...impossible for God to lie.

cf.2 Cor.1:20 ...promises are 'YES' in Christ.

God has guaranteed a promised possession.

His Promises are true and

victory is assured,

Look at the following promises:

Lk.10:19 authority to defeat the enemy

Rom.8:37 ...more than conquerors

1 Jn.5:4,5 ...overcome the world

Col.2:15 triumph of the cross. (cf. 2Cor.2:14)

1 Jn.4:4 greater is He in you than is in the world.

1 Cor.16:13 Therefore be strong

1 Jn. 3:8 The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

2. LAY HOLD OF GOD'S WORD

Be strong (vs.7) Get hold of the Word! Do not turn from it to the right or the left. ie.maintain the standard.

cf. Psalm 1 Blessed is the man who does not walk....stand....sit...

ie. spiritual erosion NO COMPROMISE !!

cf. LOT Gen.13:10 ff; 14:12; 19:1;

cf. JOSEPH Gen.39:12

We need God's word every day of our life...

Meditate on it and keep speaking it.

3. LAY HOLD OF ME (GOD)

Be strong (vs.9). I will be with you wherever you go.

Ps.34:7 The angel of the Lord.....

2 Ki.6:17 Elisha's servant saw chariots of fire all around Elisha.

2 Tim.4:17 The Lord stood at my side.

To be successful God is saying, "Stay in constant partnership with me." Continue with God even when things change.

Soon manna miracles will stop, harvest miracles will come. But manna miracles bless only the one who partakes and they disappear overnight; harvest miracles bless others as well and they multiply indefinitely by the seed placed within.

We must learn to listen and hear from God. cf. 1 Cor.2 & Jn.15:15

THEREFORE BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS !!

Josh. received the same instructions in 8:1 and 10:8.

Then in 10:25 Josh. himself tells the people to be strong and courageous.

" DON'T BE AFRAID "

2Tim.1:7 God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and a sound mind.

2Tim.2:1 You then my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

1Jn.4:18 There is no fear in love.....