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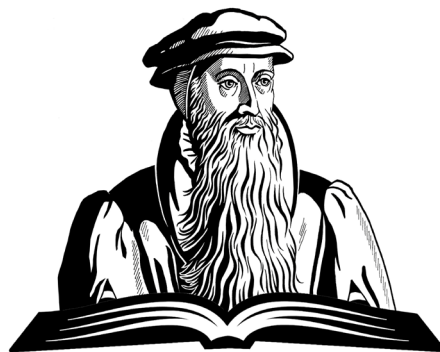
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**Lesson 46:**

**Joshua—God’s Promise Fulfilled**

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### Old Testament

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## Lesson 46

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# Joshua—God’s Promise Fulfilled

## The Book of Joshua, chapters 1 to 24

### Memory Verse

*“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?”*

Joshua 5:13–14

### The Necessity of the Book of Joshua

The Bible is God’s revelation of himself and his salvation to fallen mankind. It contains all that a person needs to know, that he may, as the Heidelberg Catechism states, “live and die happily,” or as it is stated in the Westminster Shorter Catechism, how a person may fulfill their chief end, which is “to glorify God and enjoy him forever.” To this end, every book of the Bible is instructive. In one light, the Book of Joshua is no more necessary than the other 65 books of the Bible.

However, if we view it in a different light, we can see its necessity in relationship to the books of the Bible we have studied so far—Genesis through Deuteronomy. Genesis to Deuteronomy leave us with a clear picture of the fallen condition of man, God’s free grace, and His faithfulness to His covenant promise. Yet they do not leave us with a complete picture. God’s covenant promise was not to deliver the people from the Egyptians, but to bring them into the land which he had promised to their fathers. It is in this sense that we see the necessity of the Book of Joshua. In Deuteronomy, we are left on the borders of Canaan. In Joshua we see the fulfillment of the promise. Oh, how wondrous! God is faithful to the end.

### God is Just, God is Merciful

In God’s time, the Israelites entered the land of the Canaanites. Beginning with Jericho, and then Ai, they moved forward, conquering the enemies in the south, and then the north. Perhaps the question arises, Was God just in these actions? Let us consider first that God is Lord of creation. All things are in his hands. As Creator, he has power to do what he will with his own: “Hath not the potter power over the clay?” (Rom. 9:21). To deny such, is an act of defiance and not of humility. The conquest of the land of Canaan, however, reveals to us clearly something of the character of God. It shows that he is longsuffering, that he is merciful, and that he is just.

God is longsuffering—God had made a promise to Abraham, that he would inherit the land (Gen.15:7). However, that promise was not fulfilled immediately. More than 470 years had passed before Joshua entering the land. Why did it take so long? God told Abraham why it would take so long: “The iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.” (Gen.15:16). In not fulfilling the promise to Abraham immediately, the Lord gave the inhabitants of the land so much time to turn from their sinful ways.

God is merciful—God’s mercy toward the Canaanites is clearly seen. When Israel approached the borders of Canaan, the news of God and his deliverance of the Israelites had reached the inhabitants of Canaan. Hearing this news, they were in great fear. The news of God’s deliverance of Israel, and his bringing them into the land of Canaan was an act of mercy toward the Canaanites. Hearing how God was with Israel, the fearful nations should have sought for mercy, rather than resist. Was mercy a possibility for the Canaanites? Did not Rahab, a woman who dwelt in the land of Canaan, find mercy?

God is just—God, who is longsuffering, will not allow sin to go unpunished. More than 470 years passed, but there came a time when the iniquity of the Canaanites was full. Then God’s justice must be satisfied.

How is it possible to escape the just judgment of God? God, who is rich in mercy, has made a way. He has made a way whereby his justice may be satisfied and sin pardoned. The way is in his Son, the greater Joshua. Joshua, the son of Nun, died. Jesus, the Son of God, died, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits upon the right hand of the Father, saving “them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25). “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation” (Heb. 2:3)?

### Questions

#### *Joshua 3*

1. When the people started to move across the Jordan, what were they supposed to have their eye focused upon?
  - a. The priests
  - b. The ark
  - c. The Levites
  - d. Joshua
  
2. The Israelites were able to cross the Jordan because:
  - a. it was the dry season.
  - b. they built a bridge to span it.
  - c. the Lord parted the waters when the priests stepped into the water.
  - d. they built boats to cross it.

*Joshua 4*

3. The twelve stones that the Israelites took out of the river Jordan, which were to remind the Israelites how God brought them through the Jordan, were placed in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Ai
  - b. Shechem
  - c. Zoar
  - d. Gilgal

*Joshua 5*

4. All of the following occurred in Joshua chapter 5, except:
- a. Achan sinned, in taking possessions that he was forbidden to take.
  - b. The Lord renewed the covenant with the Israelites by having them circumcised.
  - c. The Israelites kept the Passover.
  - d. The manna ceased.

*Joshua 8*

5. After the defeat of Ai, Joshua divided the people into two groups, and read the law. Each group was placed by the side of a mount. What were the names of the mounts? What did they represent?

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*Joshua 24*

6. Now therefore \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD, and \_\_\_\_\_ him in \_\_\_\_\_ sincerity and in \_\_\_\_\_; and put away the \_\_\_\_\_ which your \_\_\_\_\_ served on the other side of the \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_; and serve ye the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ you this day whom ye will serve; whether the \_\_\_\_\_ which our fathers served that were on the other side of the \_\_\_\_\_, or the gods of the \_\_\_\_\_, in whose land ye dwell: but as for \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_, we will serve the LORD.

7. After writing the words in the book of the law, Joshua placed them \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. In the ark
  - b. Under Mt. Ebal
  - c. In the Holy of Holies
  - d. Under an oak

8. Joshua was \_\_\_\_\_ when he died.

- a. 72
- b. 99
- c. 110
- d. 149

### Discussions

1. Explain why the Book of Joshua is important in connection to the five books of Moses.

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2. Considering the Canaanites, explain how God was longsuffering, merciful, and just.

• Longsuffering \_\_\_\_\_

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• Merciful \_\_\_\_\_

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• Just \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain how Joshua is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, and how the Lord Jesus Christ is greater than Joshua.

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4. In Joshua 3:5, we read, “And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” What does it mean to sanctify yourselves?

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5. Read chapter 7 of Joshua. Why did the Lord allow the Israelites to be defeated when they went up against Ai? What lesson(s) can we learn from this?

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