

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Message  
Worship in Giving

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## Prepare Yourself For Leadership

*Joshua 1:1-9*

*Prepare Yourself Series*

Life Change: We are strong and courageous.

### Required tools for the job...

**The need for leadership is critical.**

**Josh 1:1-2**

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– Tuesday Strong, "The Critical Need for Sound Leadership"

**The task of leadership is difficult.**

**The style of victorious leadership is biblical.**

Strength and courage are essential.

**Joshua's strength & courage come from:**

The presence of YHWH.

Deut 31

God's promises.

Josh 1:3-6

Deut 28

God's direction through His Word.

Josh 1:7-9

**The Christian's strength & courage come from:**

God's promises to Christians.

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– Martin Luther, *The Bondage of The Will*

God's direction through His word.

God's unfailing presence.

# PREPARE YOURSELF

a study of Joshua

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You need the right tools for every job.



courtesy industrywire

# Tools: pans, thermometer, sugar, flour



courtesy thespruceeats

# Tools: cow, bucket



courtesy dellaadventure

# Tools: scalers, mirror, curettes



courtesy wisegeek

# Tools: strength and courage



courtesy goalpost

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**Mr. Gorbachev,  
tear down this  
wall.**

June 12, 1987



*There is*

**NOTHING**



*to see here...*

*Move along please*



**Thank  
goodness I'm  
not like that!**



courtesy ljworld



investing in the creation of a horrible teenager



courtesy University of Minnesota

**On biblical issues, some churches**



**are like flip-flops. (When they flip, they flop.)**

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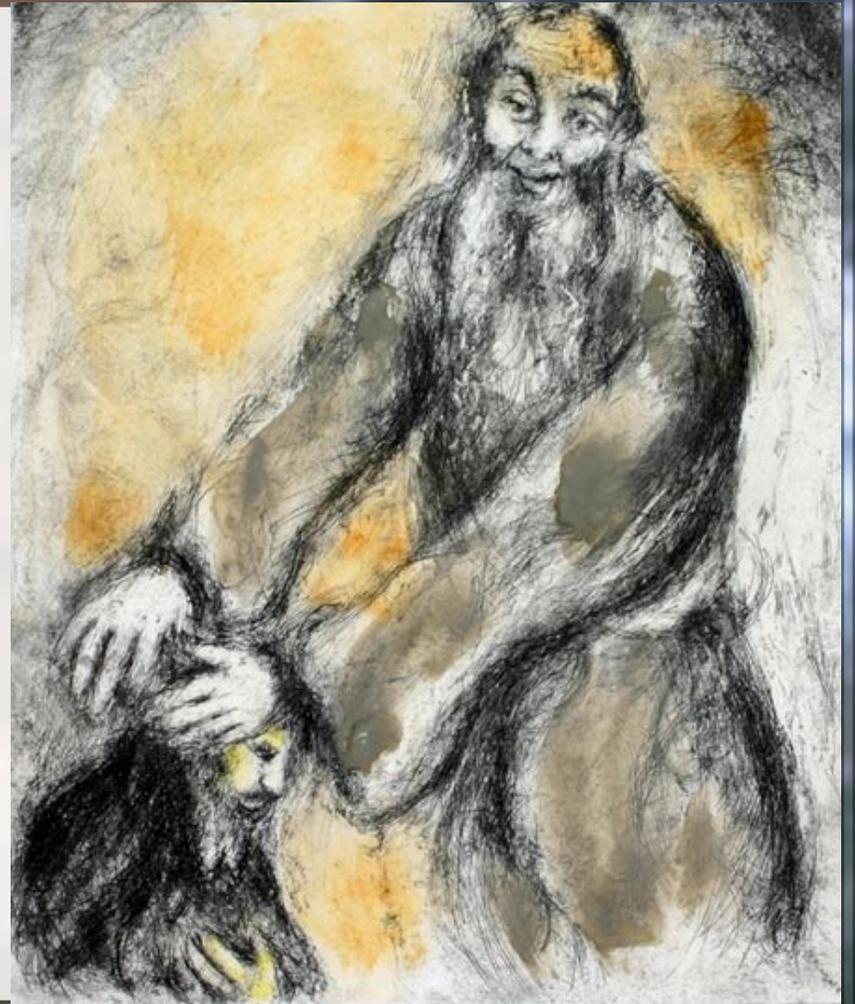
# Uniqueness of Moses

- **God spoke with Moses face-to-face, as to a friend. (Ex. 33)**
- **His poetry will be sung at the critical moments of history. (Rev. 15)**
- **Though he authored the Law, he is known for his faith. (Heb. 3 & 11)**
- **The shekinah glory of God rested on and glowed on Moses' face. (2 Cor. 3)**
- **Angels & demons battled over his physical body. (Jude)**

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***Moses blesses Joshua*  
Marc Chagall 1957**



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- Are being excluded from the heritage of their ancestors.
- Must navigate an odd void in world power.
- Raise families and build businesses in a strange new world.

# Timothy Keller



courtesy World Magazine

**Sophia Lee: What do you see as the greatest threat to modern-day Christians?**

**Tim Keller: In the US, I think the second-greatest threat is a new progressive, secular ideology that is coming to dominate the academy, the government, the corporate world, and the mainstream media. It is against freedom of speech and deeply opposed to religious people expressing or practicing many aspects of their faith in public.**

**However, the first and greatest threat is the failure of the American church itself:**

- **The mainline church wedded itself to liberal political parties and the evangelical church has done that with conservative political parties.**
- **There have been egregious examples of hypocrisy with many prominent church leaders.**
- **The church has failed [in] the Great Commission...it has not discovered a way to evangelize a post-Christian, secular culture.**

**Tim Keller in “Handling a Hostile Culture”**

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# Leadership in the Bible

## Lording

- Jesus said to avoid “Gentile lording over” (Matthew 20)
- involves a strange combo of being hurried while having massive leisure time
- sees everything in terms of coercion
- serving self is the only right motive

## Serving

- Jesus said “to be great in God’s Kingdom one must be servant of all” (Matt 20)
- involves being sometimes busy but never hurried
- persuades people out of genuine care
- serving God is the only right motive

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Once a leader uses coercion rather than persuasion, he or she is no longer, by definition, leading.  
– Christopher Kolenda, *Leadership: The Warrior's Art*



# Matthew 20

**25** Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. <sup>26</sup> It must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” <sup>CSB</sup>

# Deuteronomy 31

<sup>3</sup> “The LORD your God is the one who will cross ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will drive them out. Joshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, as the LORD has said...<sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous; don’t be terrified or afraid of them. For the LORD your God is the one who will go with you; he will not leave you or abandon you.”

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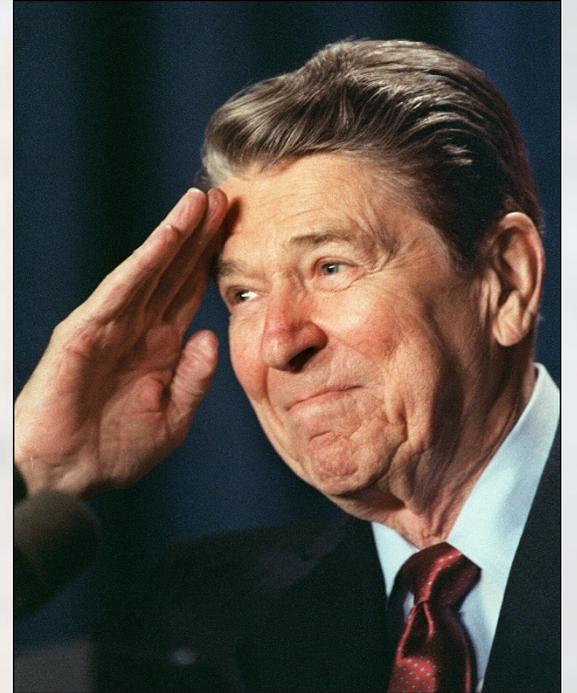
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**<sup>7</sup> Moses then summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you will go with this people into the land the LORD swore to give to their ancestors. You will enable them to take possession of it. <sup>8</sup> The LORD is the one who will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or abandon you. Do not be afraid or discouraged.”** <sup>CSB</sup>

**“Well, that settles it, doesn’t it?  
Just be strong & courageous and  
your life leadership will excel.  
Class over!”**





courtesy MET; Michael Greenhaugh; Iran Museum; AP; Youtube

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**At the fountainhead of strength and courage are faith and trust. It is not dependence on our own abilities or strengths, but in God – His promises and abilities.**

**– Martin MacDonald**



courtesy Cami Carter; Note: Martin is the tallest one.

**Joshua got front-row seats to some pretty up-close moments with God's presence! He:**

- accompanied Moses up Sinai to receive the law (Ex 24:13; 32:17)**
- stood in the tent of the Moses-God meetings (Ex 33:11)**
- led a contingent of troops against the Amalekites where God supernaturally provided victory (Ex 17:10)**
- saw the curse of the venomous snakes and the Lord's healing (Ex 21:6-8)**
- witnessed fire from heaven consume the outskirts of the Israelite camp (Num 11:1-3)**



**Sorry for the semi-long ramble of observations, but figured if you're going to assign me homework, I'll subject you to its results. 😊 Tim Chase**

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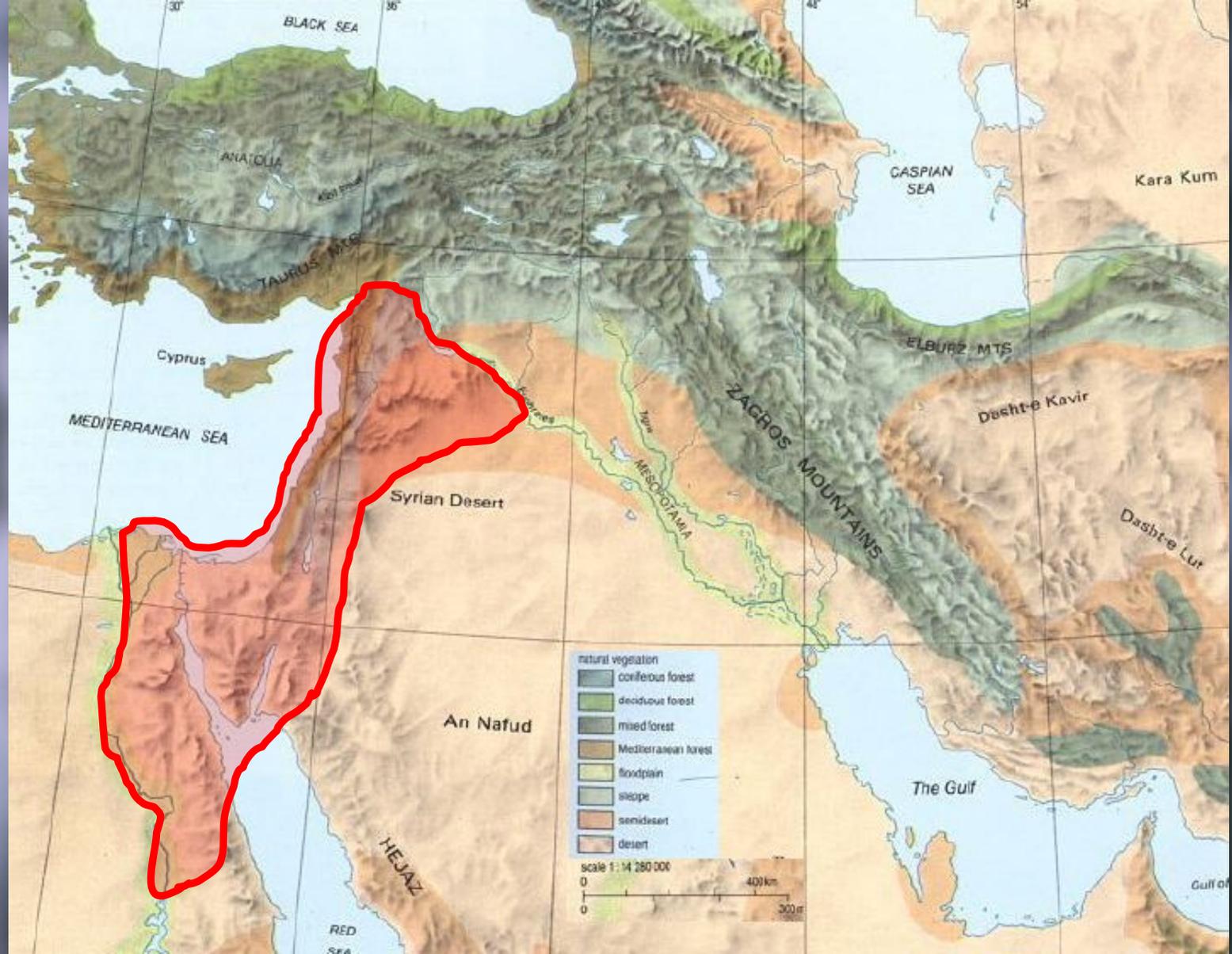
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# Joshua 1

**<sup>5</sup> No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I will not leave you or abandon you.**

**<sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their ancestors to give them as an inheritance.”** CSB

# Land promised Abram in Gen 15



## **God's pledges to Joshua in vv 1-6:**

- **No person will be able to stand before Joshua.**
- **YHWH will be with Joshua.**
- **YHWH will not fail him.**
- **YHWH will not forsake Joshua.**

# Promises in the Bible

## Conditional

- give and take
- fulfillment demands reciprocal action, as clearly defined in the covenant
- bilateral agreements
- Ex: Mosaic Law

## Unconditional

- no attached expectations
- no action required by the recipient
- unilateral guarantees
- Ex: Abrahamic covenant

# Joshua 1

**<sup>3</sup> “I have given you every place where the sole of your foot treads, just as I promised Moses.”**

**The land promise as framed through Moses & Joshua contains a conditional aspect as well. The Israelites have to take possession. If they follow their Mosaic covenant faithfully, they will take possession as intended. If they do not, then the fulfillment of the Abrahamic land promise will wait.**

# Mts. Gerizim and Ebal

## Site of history's greatest pep rally (Deut. 28)



# Deuteronomy 28

**<sup>13</sup> The LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you will only move upward and never downward if you listen to the LORD your God's commands I am giving you today and are careful to follow them. <sup>14</sup> Do not turn aside to the right or the left from all the things I am commanding you today, and do not follow other gods to worship them. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not obey the LORD your God by carefully following all his commands and statutes I am giving you today, all these curses will come and**

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**overtake you...<sup>33</sup> A people you don't know will eat your land's produce and everything you have labored for. You will only be oppressed and crushed continually...<sup>63</sup> You will be ripped out of the land you are entering to possess. <sup>64</sup> Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples from one end of the earth to the other. <sup>CSB</sup>**

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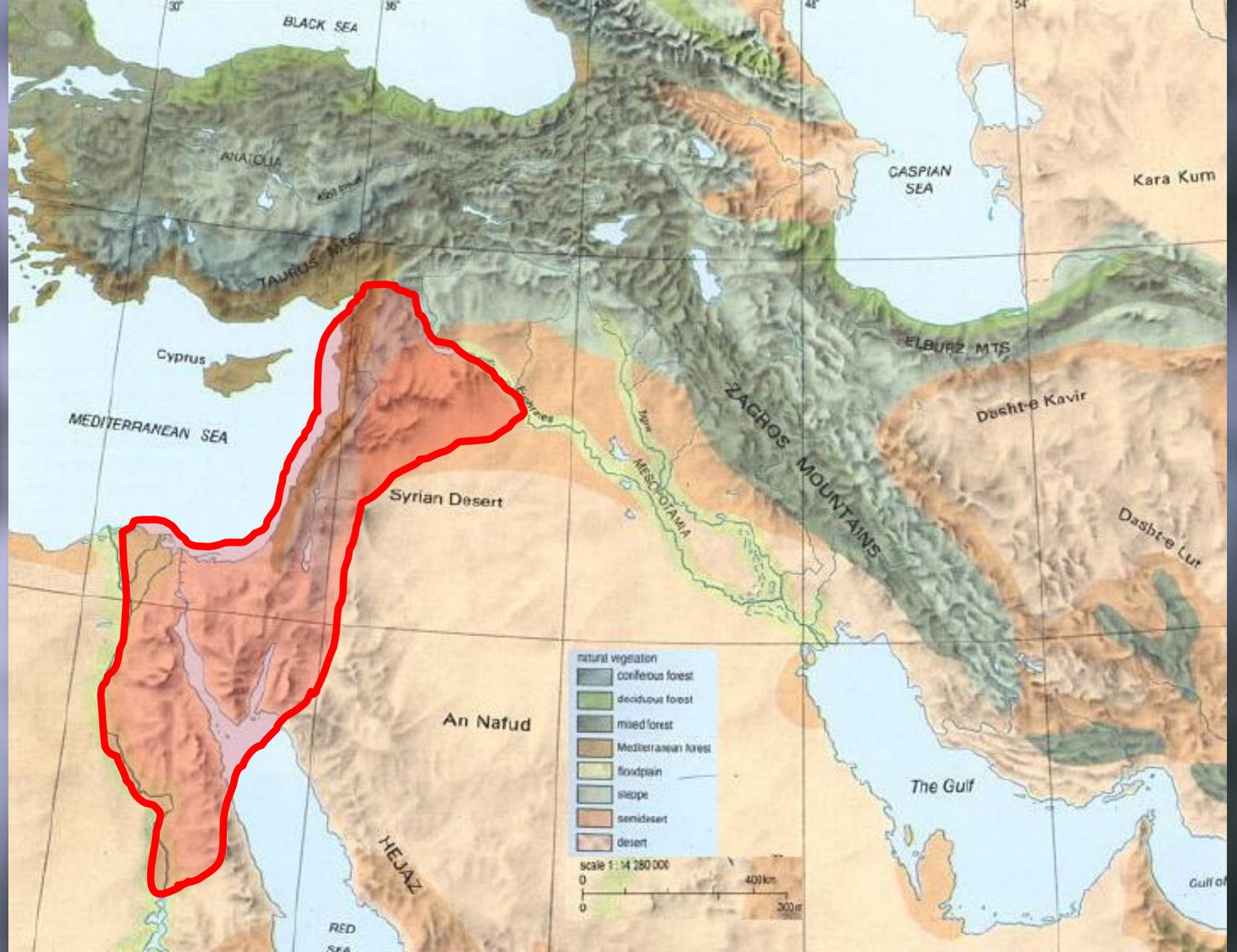
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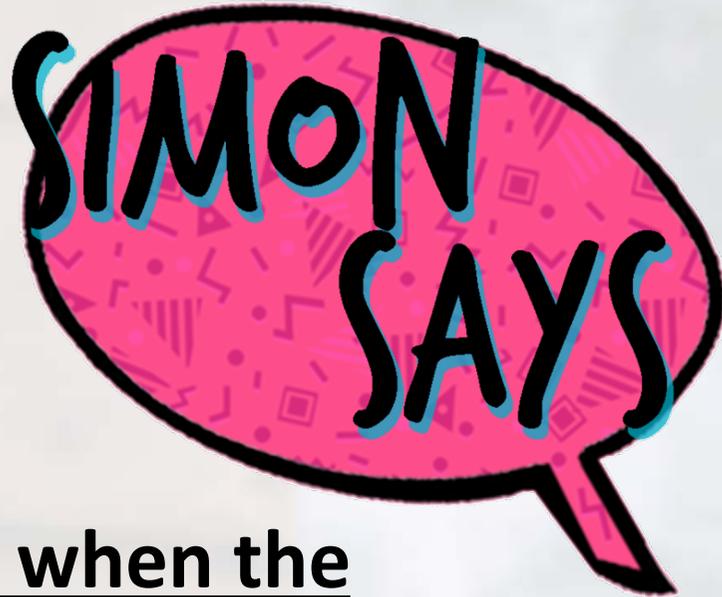
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**The territory conquered and possessed in the time of Joshua was much less than what was promised in Genesis 15:18–21. Even in the time of David and Solomon, when [Israeli] land reached its greatest extent, the outlying districts were only faintly within Israel’s sphere of influence [and] never under [Israel’s] control. When will the nation of Israel fully possess the land? The prophets have declared that at the time of Christ’s return to earth He will regather the Jews and reign in the land over a converted and redeemed Israel. Full and complete possession of the land awaits that day (cf. Jer. 16:14–16; Amos 9:11–15; Ze. 8:4–8). – Don Campbell, *Joshua***

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**I am Simon.**

**Look at Simon at all times.**

**Do whatever Simon says only when the command is preceded by “Simon says.”**

**No matter what Simon does or what occurs around you, do as Simon says.**

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## Deuteronomy 29

**19 When someone hears the words of this oath, he may consider himself exempt, thinking, 'I will have peace even though I follow my own stubborn heart.' This will lead to the destruction. <sup>CSB</sup>**

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**Hebrew: צלח slh =  
breakthrough, when an  
army pierced enemy  
lines; came to indicate  
prosperity or victory**

**Hebrew: שכל skl =  
skillful, wise, prudent;  
morphed into success**

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us?

What



courtesy pinterest

A vibrant rainbow arches across a dark, stormy sky. The rainbow's colors are bright and distinct, contrasting sharply with the deep blue and grey tones of the clouds. Below the sky, a green landscape is visible, featuring rolling hills, a line of trees, and a utility pole. The overall scene conveys a sense of hope and promise.

# GOD'S PROMISES

## Proverbs 16

**<sup>20</sup> the one who trusts  
in the LORD  
will be happy. <sup>CSB</sup>**

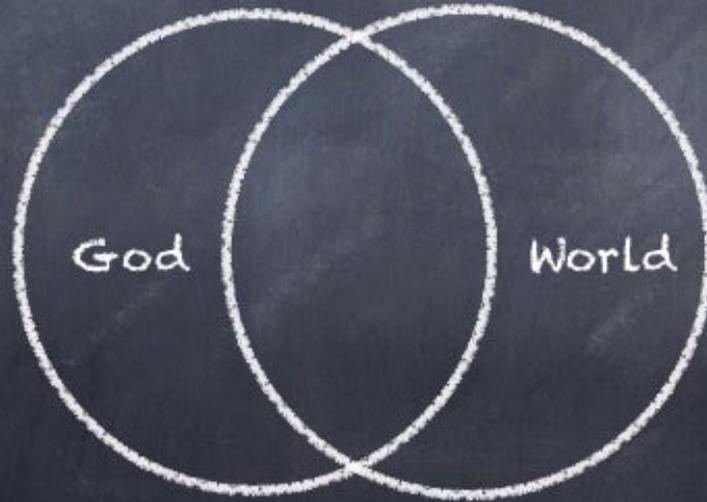
# Some unconditional promises to Christians

- **We have unity in Jesus. “No Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.” [Col. 3:11]**
- **He (Jesus) will remain faithful. [2 Tim 2:13]**
- **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. [Heb 13:8]**
- **Trials and testing of our faith produce endurance. [Ja. 1:3]**
- **He (Jesus) is Lord of lords and King of kings. [Rev. 17:14]**
- **No longer will there be any curse (in The New Jerusalem). [Rev. 22:3]**

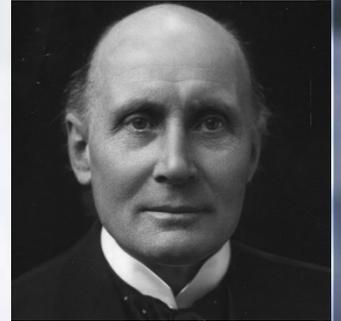
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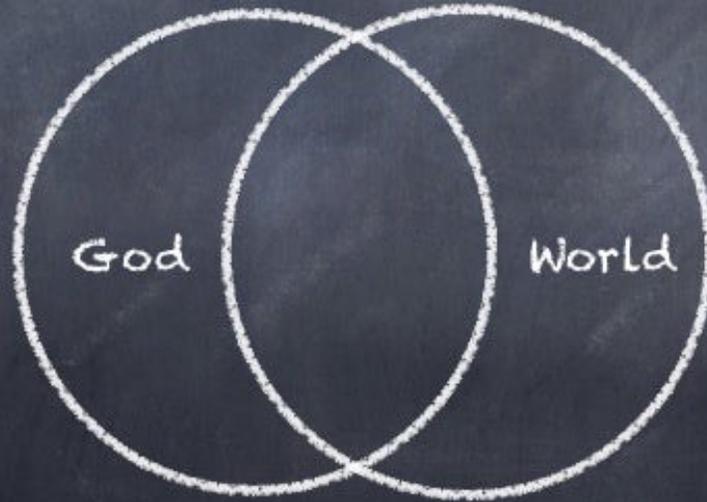
**Bothered by the uncertainty of what we now call quantum mathematics, Dr. Alfred Whitehead decided that god is not fully in charge, at least not of anything humans might consider negative. He twisted a few verses of scripture, threw in a little Plato and Einstein, and invented a god who is changeable – not immutable at all.**



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# Uncertainty according to the Bible

## Process theology: avoid

- Flee hard questions
- Try to defend god by reducing his presence or power
- Find him smaller than one ever imagined

## Bible: wrestle with

- Take hard questions to God's face
- Gain perspective beyond self
- Find God bigger than one could imagine

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**We should glory in the fact, as Paul does in Romans 3 – ‘Let God be true, but every man be a liar.’ (v. 4), and again, ‘Not that the Word of God has failed.’ (Rom.9:6)...The Christian’s chief and only comfort in every adversity lies in knowing that God does not lie, but brings all things to pass immutably, and that His will cannot be resisted, altered or impeded.**

**– Martin Luther, *The Bondage of The Will*,  
(trans. By J.I. Packer and O.R. Johnston)**



# 1 Timothy 4

**<sup>13</sup> Until I come,  
give your attention to  
public reading,  
exhortation, and  
teaching. <sup>CSB</sup>**

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courtesy Evelyn Simak



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# Frisco Bible Church

**We are redeemed community  
Doing the Great Commission  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
For the glory of God**



# Matthew 28

**19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” CSB**

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## Psalm 55

**<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden  
on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never allow  
the righteous  
to be shaken. <sup>CSB</sup>**

## Romans 8

**37 No, in all these things [perils, famine, sword] we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

**38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>CSB</sup>**



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