

Joshua 1:1-24:33

Fearless Faith: God's Conquest of Canaan Sunday, 1/2/22 Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: The book of Joshua is a story of fearless faith and new beginnings for God's People. Israel stood on the precipice of conquest or complete annihilation.

II. Fearless Faith: God's Conquest of Canaan (Josh 1:1-24:33).

- A. Joshua the Slave (Num 13:8, 16).
 - 1. Joshua was born a slave, but God made him a conqueror through His powerful promises. God poured out blessing on Joshua through his life of fearless faith.
- B. Joshua the Soldier (Ex 17:8-13).
 - 1. Joshua was a warrior who had fought his way into the promised land, as God raised up a new generation of soldiers who would soon inherit His land.
- C. Joshua the Servant (Ex 24:13; 32:17).
 - 1. Joshua had a servant's heart, willing to do whatever God required of him, whether to fight for Israel or help the people follow God's will.
- D. Joshua the Spy (Num 13:1-3, 16-20, 25-33).
 - 1. Joshua believed God's promise that Israel would inherit Canaan because He had pledged it to his forefathers centuries before he was born.
- E. Joshua the Successor (Num 27:15-20; Deut 1:38; 3:21-28; 34:9-12).
 - 1. Joshua was prepared for his mission to conquer Canaan in the wilderness by realizing that victory comes through the Lord's deliverance.
- III. Conclusion: The book of Joshua explains how believers must say goodbye to their old life and Enter into the inheritance of God through faith in His fearless Savior.

Study Questions: Fearless Faith

- 1. Do you live by faith or fear? What happened at the end of Deuteronomy? (**Deut 34:1-12**) Why were the Jews worried about their future? Who is Joshua? What does his name mean?
- 2. How was Joshua born into slavery? (**Num 13:8**) What did Joshua see God do to Egypt? (**Ex 7-12**) How did God's miracles shape his faith? How did God deliver Israel from slavery?
- 3. Where did Joshua first become a soldier? (Ex 17:8-13) Who did Joshua fight? (v. 8) What did God instruct Joshua to do to Amalek? (v. 14) How did this prepare him for war?
- 4. How was Joshua servant-minded? (Ex 24:13) Why is it significant that he went halfway up Mount Sinai? What did Joshua do when the people worshipped the golden calf? (Ex 32:17)
- 5. Why was Joshua always around the tabernacle? (Ex 33:7-11) How did Joshua attach himself to Moses? What did Joshua learn from Moses? How did this help him conquer Canaan?
- 6. How was Joshua a spy? (Num 13:1-3, 16-20, 25-33; 14:6-10) Why did Moses rename him? (v. 16) What did Caleb and Joshua try to convince the people to do? (vv. 30-33; 14:6-10)
- 7. Why was Joshua named Moses' successor? (Num 27:15-20; Deut 1:38; 3:21-28; 34:9-12) Who chose Joshua to lead Israel? (Num 27:18-20; Deut 34:9-12) Why is this significant?
- 8. How did God train Israel to become a nation of warriors? How did God teach Israel to trust Him? (Ex 16:1-7) Do you live by faith or fear? What do you do that requires faith?

Praver

- 1. Ask God to help you live a life of fearless faith in a world of uncertainty and evil.
- 2. Pray that God might reveal to you who He would like you to share your faith with this year.