JOSHUA KEYS TO VICTORY

OUTLINE

GOD IS IN CHARGE

TRUST and OBEY

DEAL WITH SIN

SEEK GOD

GOD FIGHTS for ISRAEL The Commission
Captain of the Lord's army
Battle of Jericho
Follow all instructions exactly

Battle with AiDeal with Achan's sin

Deception of GibeonitesNot seeking God's counsel

Battle with 5 Amorite kingsBe strong and courageous

THE COMMISSION JOSHUA 1:1-9

Possess the land which God promised them and would give them

PROMISES

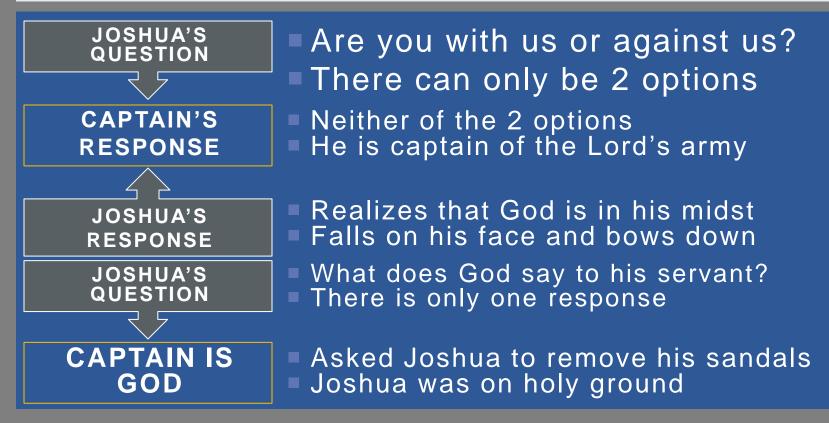
- God will be with Joshua
- God will not fail Joshua
- God will not forsake Joshua
- No man will be able to stand before Joshua, all the days of his life

COMMANDS

- Be strong and courageous
- Do not tremble or be dismayed
- Obey all of the law
- Meditate on the law day and night

Obedience to His commands ensured prosperity and success vs failures and troubles; regardless, His promises would be fulfilled

CAPTAIN OF THE LORD'S ARMY JOSHUA 5:13-15



CHRISTIAN PARALLELS GOD IS IN CHARGE

God reveals in His promises that He is in charge

He is the author and finisher of our faith (*Heb. 12:2*)
He will complete the work He started in us (*Php. 1:6*)
God will fulfill His promises – be encouraged
What does God want me to do?

Obedience results in a fruitful Christian walk
Not hindered by constant sin and discipline (*Heb. 12:7*)

BEFORE THE BATTLE JOSHUA 5:1-12

Now was the perfect time to attack, right? The Amorites and Canaanites heard what God had done Their hearts melted There was no spirit in them any longer ...Not until God said it was time The men needed to be circumcised (Gen 17:9-14, Rom 4:11) They could not fight – remember massacre at Shechem (Gen. 34) They needed to wait until they were healed The Passover had to be observed They had to wait another 7 days

BATTLE OF JERICHO JOSHUA 6

God <u>had</u> given Jericho into their hands

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Men of warPriestsTHE ORDER

• Men of war

THE PEOPLE

- Seven priests
- The ark
- Men of war

THE ITEMS

Seven trumpets of rams hornsThe ark

THE MARCH

- 6 days once around the wall
 - Blowing the trumpets only, no talking
- 7th day
 - March 6 times as before
 - Shout after the 7th round

COMMAND

Do not covet or take anything under the ban; gold, silver, bronze, iron were holy to the Lord

BATTLE OF JERICHO JOSHUA 6

GOD'S UNUSUAL COMMANDS

It did not make sense from a human viewpoint

- There were no battle strategies or tactics
- The repetitive marching would seem unnecessary
- Why did they have to be quiet during the march?

It did not make sense from man's perception of God

- His power and might were not evident in the march
- In light of the recent miracle in crossing the Jordan, couldn't God just cause the walls to fall down

The key was to trust God and obey His commands exactly

CHRISTIAN PARALLELS TRUST AND OBEY

Take care of the spiritual matters first

 Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33)

There is a way that seems right to us

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12, 16:25)

The broad vs narrow way (Matt. 7:13-14)