### Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory

Of the coming of the Lord,

He is trampling out the vintage

Where the grapes of wrath are stored;

#### He hath loosed

The fateful lightning

Of His terrible swift sword -

His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

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His truth is marching on.

#### I have seen Him in the watch-fires

Of a hundred circling camps,

They have builded Him an altar

In the evening dews and damps;

## I can read His righteous sentence

By the dim and flaring lamps -

His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

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Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

# He has sounded forth the trumpet

That shall never sound retreat,

He is sifting out the hearts of men

Before His judgment seat;

O be swift, my soul,

To answer Him,

Be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

# In the beauty of the lilies

Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom

That transfigures you and me,

# As He died to make men holy,

Let us live to make men free,

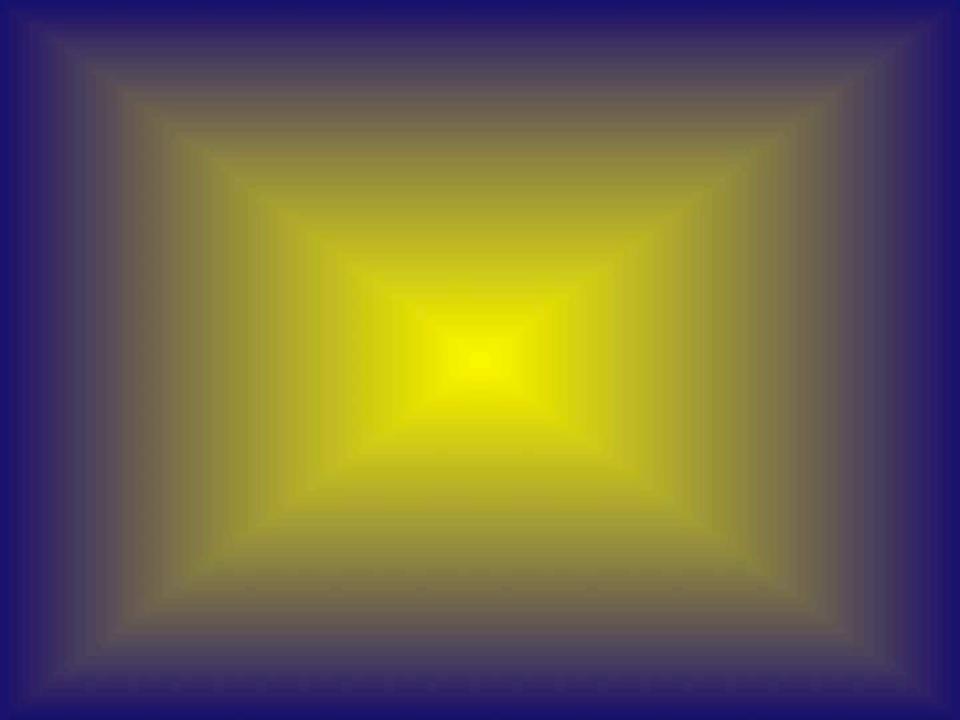
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

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Glory! Glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.



## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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I fain would take my stand-

The shadow of a mighty Rock

Within a weary land;

## A home within the wilderness,

A rest upon the way,

From the burning of the noon-tide heat

And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus

Mine eye at times can see

The very dying form of One

Who suffered there for me;

And from my smitten heart with tears

Two wonders I confess -

The wonders of redeeming love

And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, they shadow

For my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine

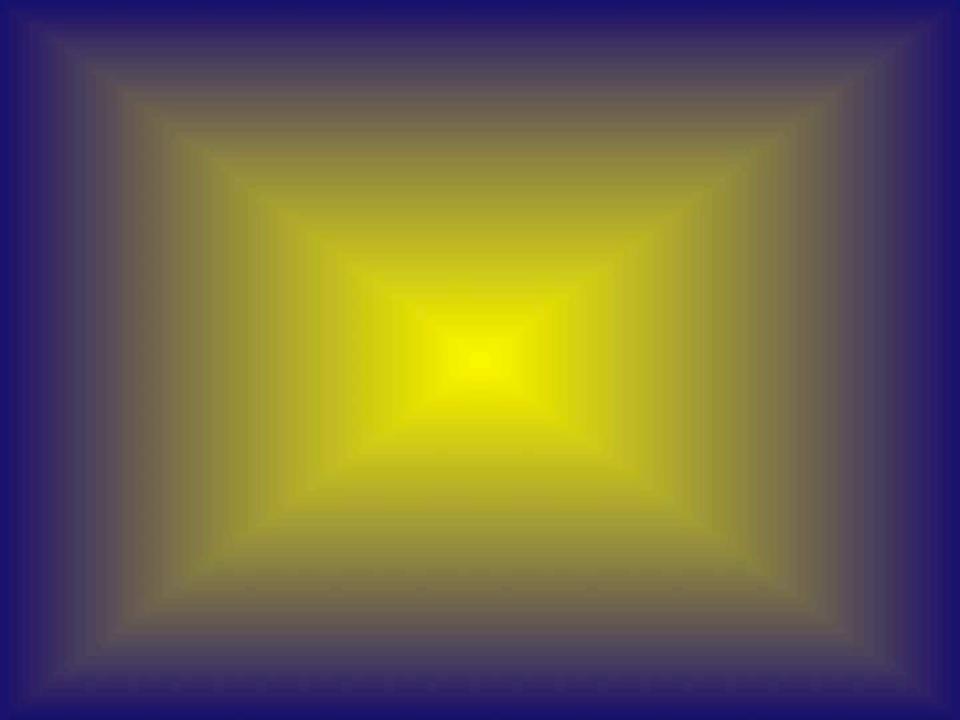
Than the sunshine of His face;

Content to let the world go by,

To know no gain nor loss,

My sinful self my only shame,

My glory all the cross.



#### Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance,

Jesus is mine!

what a foretaste

of glory divine!

Heir of salvation,

purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit,

washed in His blood.

This is my story,

this is my song,

Praising my Savior

all the day long;

This is my story,

this is my song,

Praising my Savior

all the day long.

Perfect submission,

perfect delight!

Visions of rapture

now burst on my sight;

#### Angels descending

bring from above

Echoes of mercy,

whispers of love.

This is my story,

this is my song,

Praising my Savior

all the day long;

This is my story,

this is my song,

Praising my Savior

all the day long.

Perfect submission -

all is at rest,

I in my Savior

am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting,

looking above,

Filled with His goodness,

lost in His love.

This is my story,

this is my song,

Praising my Savior

all the day long;

This is my story,

this is my song,

Praising my Savior

all the day long.

#### Introduction to Joshua

TEXT: Joshua 1:1-9;

Please Open Your Bibles and read along with me.

Joshua 1:1-9 (ESV) "After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river,

the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do

according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and

courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

## Secrets of Success: Lesson One

Introduction:

If we want to be successful, we need to study the life of Joshua, one of the greatest success stories in history.

His life is a model we can follow to have a "journey into success."

About 1300 years before Christ, Joshua was born into Egyptian slavery.

Joshua's name means "Jehovah is Salvation" and is the Hebrew form of "Jesus."

He witnessed the plagues in Egypt and the miraculous exodus.

Moses was a prophet and a legislator, but Joshua was a military genius who led the Israelite troops.

Notice the exclusive privilege Joshua experienced as he was present with Moses at the reception of the instructions for the ark of the covenant and the tabernacle.

Exodus 24:13 "And Moses rose up, and his minister <u>Joshua</u>: and Moses went up into the mount of God."

When the Israelites first arrived at the border of the Promised Land, Moses sent 12 spies to scout the land.

Upon returning, Only Caleb and Joshua gave a report that revealed faith.

## The people believed the ten faithless spies, so God declared:

Numbers 14:29 "Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,"

#### \*Notice what God said about Caleb:

Numbers 14:24 "But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."

Now, for 40 years the Israelites have been in the wilderness.

The only survivors of the original 600,000 adult men who left Egypt are Joshua and Caleb.

The Israelites are ready to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land.

Their great leader Moses has just died and God has chosen <u>85-year old</u> Joshua as the new leader.

In this chapter God shares with Joshua the secrets of success, using the word prosper or success twice (Joshua 1:7,8;)

There are at least four <u>Secrets of Success</u> revealed in this chapter.

## I. First, Be Ready – (1:1-2)

Joshua 1:1-2 "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel."

Reminder – Moses, My servant is dead.

If we are to be used of God, we must let go of the past.

ILL. Bad experience at church, divorce, a failure, a life of disobedience, or the death of a mate or cherished friend.

Philippians 3:13 "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,"

To have a "journey into success," first, be ready.

# II. Begin With the End in Mind

Joshua 1:3-5 "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

# What GOD Promised they "could have" by FAITH!!

Joshua 1:4 "Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates--all the Hittite country-to the Great Sea on the west." (NIV)

The desert refers to the wilderness north of the Red Sea, and Lebanon means "white," referring to the snow on the Lebanese mountain range in present day Lebanon.

The *Hittite* country refers to all of Canaan or Palestine.

The <u>Great Sea</u> is the Mediterranean Sea.

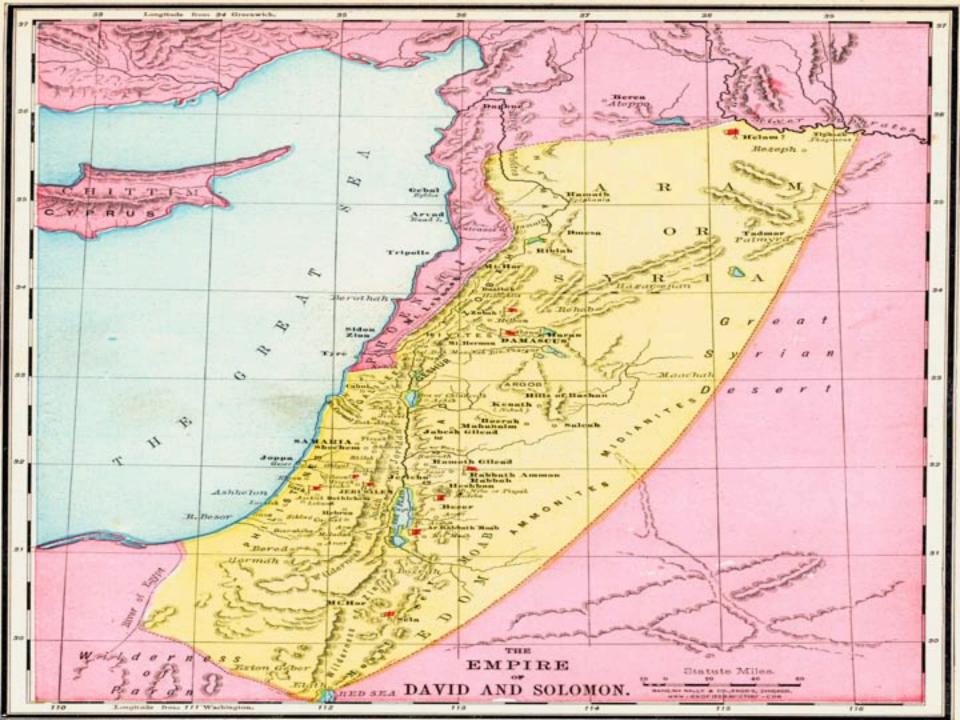
# What GOD Promised!







What they actually possessed under the rule of King David.



## **Current Possession**

#### Israel and Neighboring States



A. God tells the Israelites, "I will give you every place where you set your foot."

The "journey into success" requires that we begin every day with the end in mind, which is to become more like Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:29b "...to be conformed to the image of his Son, ..."

Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

# B. Joshua needed great encouragement for his huge task.

Joshua 1:5 "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life:..."

1 John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

GOD never promises that we will be free of sickness, pain or problems.

But HE does promise us something much better.

Joshua 1:5 "... as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

I. Be Ready

II. Begin With The End In Mind

AND

III. Be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:6 "Be strong and of a good courage: ...."

Joshua 1:7a "Only be thou strong and very courageous"

Joshua 1:9 "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; ..."

Joshua 1:9c "... be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

James 2:19 "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

It doesn't take Courage to believe in God; it takes Courage to obey HIM!

I. Be ready

II. Begin with the end in mind

III. Be strong and courageous

IV. Meet the Conditions of Success - Joshua 1:7b-18

A. Be Careful to Obey Joshua 1:7b "... that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: ..."

B. Do Not Turn - Joshua 1:7c "... turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest."

ILL. Matthew 7:14 "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

C. Read the BOOK - Joshua 1:8a "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; ..."

D. Meditate on the BOOK - Joshua 1:8b "... but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, ..."

ILL. James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

E. Obey the BOOK - Joshua 1:8c "... that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:.."

James 2:10 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

F. Expect God's BLESSING - Joshua 1:8 "...for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

### Conclusion:

Joshua 1:18 "... only be strong and of a good courage."

In life we have only two choices:

Live by the WORD of God,

or Sin!

## AND No one can sin successfully

# because our sin will always find us out.

Numbers 32:23 "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."

#### Invitation:

In what area of your life do you need strength and courage this week and how can you get it?

