

Joshua Chapter 3 - March 23-28

Monday - Day One

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

The Officers Speak Faith to the People – Read Joshua 3:1-4

- (vs. 1) Use the legend on the maps at the back of your Bible or a Bible Atlas to determine how far it is from Shittim to the River Jordan? <http://bibleatlas.org/shittim.htm> will help you if you don't have a map.
- How long did the people camp beside the Jordan river before they crossed over" (vs. 2)
- What was the signal to let the people know to set out to cross the river? (vs. 3)
- The people had to stay 2000 cubits away from the ark. How far is that in American measurements? http://www.answers.com/Q/2000_cubits is one source you can use.
- In verses 1-2 it's recorded that the Israelites camped for three days before passing over the Jordan – one of several pauses in this lengthy narrative over the next chapters. Why is waiting important to God? What does waiting do for us?
- What does James 5:7-8, Psalm 33:20-22, and Romans 5:3-4 tell us about waiting?

Pray that God would make your heart ready to move and ready to wait at His leading.

Tuesday - Day Two

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Joshua Speaks Faith to the People --- Read Joshua 3:5

- What did the Lord tell the people to do and why?
- If God was going to do the work, why do you think He told the people need to prepare?
- What is involved in consecration? <http://biblehub.com/joshua/3-5.htm> records a clear answer in the section of "Gills Exposition of the Entire Bible" found toward the bottom of the page on the left.
- The People of God were told to consecrate themselves under Moses' leadership as well. What were they preparing for then? (Exodus 19:10-11)
- Check out Romans 12:1-2 and 2 Timothy 2:20-21. How has God asked us to consecrate ourselves today?

In your prayer, accept the challenge to be consecrated to God in preparation for this day.

Wednesday - Day Three

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Joshua Speaks Faith to the Priests -- Read Joshua 3:6

- What did Moses say whenever the Ark of the Covenant set out? (Numbers 10:35)
- Joshua started this march by commanding the priests (with the Ark of the Covenant) to take the lead. Why is that significant?
- What would have been covering the Ark of the Covenant when it went through the camp? (Numbers 4:5-6)
- The Ark of the Covenant was to be carried with poles (Numbers 4:6), what would happen if the Levites (the sons of Kohath) or the people would have touched the Ark? (Numbers 4:15)

Pray that you will be faithful to God by watching for God, honoring God and following Him.

Thursday - Day Four

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

The Lord Speaks Faith to Joshua – Read Joshua 3:7-8

- God made yet another promise to Joshua in verse 7. What was that? Why do you think that would have been important to Joshua?
- Read Joshua 4:14. Describe the response of the people after this event concluded.
- What were the priests commanded to do when they reached the Jordan River?
- Do you find it easy or hard to let God be the one the “exalts” your leadership or plans?

Pray today that God will be in full control of your life, your leadership and your plans.

Friday - Day Five

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

Joshua Speaks Faith to the People Again – Read Joshua 3:9-13

- How many people groups was the living God going to drive out from before the people of Israel? (vs. 9-10)
- What was each tribe supposed to provide for Joshua? (vs. 11-12)
- Why do you think Joshua asked each tribe to send a witness to observe the moment the priests set foot in the Jordan River?
- What is supposed to happen when the soles of the feet of the priests rest in the waters of the Jordan?
- God still calls for witnesses to see that He is the living God amongst us. Are you a good witness for what God has done in your own life? What can you do today to be a witness that the living God is in your life?

Pray today God would make you a witness of the living God.

Saturday - Day Six

Prayer: Pray for God to unfold His word to you, for the Spirit to teach you and for Christ to shine His light and truth in your life.

No Speaking Here – Just a Walk of Faith – Read Joshua 3:14-17

- What condition is used to describe the Jordan River when the people came up to it? (verse 15)
- Did you know? "Harvest" refers to the barley harvest. It was the month of Nisan (March/April), the first month of the Jewish year and the river would have been at flood stage from melting snow on Mount Lebanon.
- (vs. 15) God choose to send the people across the Jordan when the river was at flood stage – the worst possible time. What do you think He wanted to show them and to us?
- How far away did God make the waters stand and rise up in a heap? (vs. 16)
- What is described as the method that God uses to pile up waters according to Exodus 15:8?
- The Jordan River bed is not described as unstable or mucky in verse 17. How is it described?
- The people had to be 2000 cubits away from the priests and the Ark. What was the ground like where they crossed the Jordan? (vs. 17)

Pray today that you would be in awe of God’s power confident in His ability to lead you and provide for you.