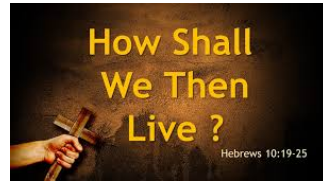


“How Shall We Then Live?”

Part 9: “As For Me and My House, We Will Serve the LORD!”

Joshua 1:1-9, 23:14-16, 24:14-15



Introduction: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go!” - **Joshua 1:9**

“History” is moving along a linear timeline that God ordained before the universe was created.

It would be easy to focus only on Joshua, but ultimately, the message is about Joshua’s God ... who was now commissioning him to lead HIS people.

God uses faithful leaders to bring His blessing to those who obey His commands.

I. God chooses leaders ...

This was not a “chance” appointment. God chose Joshua to lead His people into the promised land.

God chooses leaders and prepares and equips them for the purpose HE desires, and then puts them in the places and circumstances of His choosing.

Exodus 17:8-16, 24:13:

Numbers 14:6-9: “If the LORD delights in us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us ...” (vs. 8).

Numbers 27:18,22-23: “And Moses ... laid his hands on him (Joshua) and commissioned him” (vs. 23).

Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Joshua 1:9:

If you want to know if a leader has been chosen and called by God, look for one thing above anything else: HUMILITY!!

Philippians 2:5-8:

God chooses leaders to display HIS power and glory!

Matthew 20:25-28:

I Corinthians 2:3-5: “I was with you in weakness and fear ... so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of GOD!”

II. God rewards faithfulness ...

Satan likes to attack God’s leaders ... but God rewards faithfulness.

Joshua 2 - 12:

“*Faithfulness*” is not measured only in what you do for people, but in what you do for the God you serve!

Joshua 8:30-35:

Joshua 23:1-11,14: “ ... you know in your hearts and souls that not one word has failed of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you” (vs. 14).

Joshua 24:13-15:

III. God blesses obedience ...

God’s chosen leaders will be used by God to teach His people the way of life in God’s kingdom: Loving obedience to the God who saved them to be His own!

Romans 12:1-2: “ ... that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (vs. 2).

Joshua 24:16-24:

The call to obedience has gotten lost and replaced by the declaration of God’s “love” for all, regardless of what they believe or how they live.

Beware of leaders who fail to call you to confession of sin, to repentance and to heartfelt, loving obedience to the One who saves those who believe.

Ephesians 4:11-16: