

「 PORTRAITS OF GRACE 」

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MESSAGE TITLE: GRACE TO GO ON—JOSHUA

“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. 3 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. 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” (Joshua 1:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

1. REMEMBER GOD'S _____

A. A _____ Time

“And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses’ hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.”
(Exodus 34:28-29)

“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, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

B. A _____ Man

“For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south, but God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.” (Psalm 75:6)

HE WAS PROVEN BY GOD

“If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.”
(Numbers 14:8-9)

HE WAS A SERVANT OF GOD

“But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.”
(Matthew 23:11-12)

C. A _____ Purpose

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to

observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
(Matthew 28:18-20)

2. REMEMBER GOD’S _____

Quote: “With God’s calling comes God’s enabling. Where God guides, He provides.”

A. Provision of the _____

“For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.” (Genesis 13:15-17)

B. Provision of _____

Definition: *stand before*—to station oneself, to withstand

“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57)

“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” (Romans 8:37)

Quote: “It must be felt that there is no national security but in the nation’s humble acknowledged dependence upon God and His overruling providence.”—**John Adams**

C. Provision of God’s _____

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”
(Hebrews 13:5-6)

Quote: “The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.”—**Unknown**

3. REMEMBER GOD’S _____

A. _____ Faith

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)

B. _____ Obedience

Quote: “If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”—**Ronald Reagan**

C. _____ Meditation

THE PURPOSE OF MEDITATION

Quote: “While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.”—**George Washington**

THE PROCESS OF MEDITATION

Quote: “The most important thing I had to do was to read the Word of God and to meditate on it. Thus my heart might be comforted, encouraged, warned, reprov'd, and instructed.”
—**George Muller**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)

Quote: “The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next.”—**John Jay**, First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

THE PRODUCT OF MEDITATION

CONCLUSION

