

Joshua 3:1-9
"Tomorrow the Lord
Will Do Wonders"

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1. Introduction

- a. Main verse 3:5 consecrate yourselves
- b. Israelites had come to border of Promised Land 40 yrs earlier
 - God had to raise up new generation to take Promised Land
- c. Canaanites had heard about all the plagues of Egypt (Josh 2:9-11; 1 Sam 4:6-8)
 - news also arrived of recent battles

2. Pursuing the Tomorrow

- a. Joshua's anticipation
 - he got up early in the morning
- b. Jordan River was at flood levels

3. Joshua's Action

- a. Joshua moved location from Shittim (Acacia grove) to Jordan River
- b. Joshua was heading into the unknown
- c. Mt Nebo (mountain of curses) where Moses saw Jordan River
 - Israelites had seen river in distance for many days
 - point of trusting God's guidance

4. Picture Tomorrow

- a. Entire camp informed by tribal officers going through the camp
- b. Focus on the Ark of the Covenant
 - place of prominence
 - Levite priests to carry the Ark
- c. Ark picture of the future Holy One
 - Ark had 10 commandments, pot of manna, & Aaron's twig with blossom
 - Ark Mercy Seat covered it all
- d. Christians to keep eyes on Jesus

5. Follow the Ark of the Covenant

- a. Ark would lead the people
- b. Then Ark on priests' shoulders to stand in middle of flooded river
 - People to cross river & pass by the Ark going to other side of river

5c. Christians follow Jesus

6. Prepare for Tomorrow

- a. People to sanctify (consecrate) themselves
- b. People to identify with God's calling
- c. Prepare for future within self
 - count the cost of future actions
 - * prepare for construction or conflict
 - prepare the heart & soul
 - * through cleansing the heart
 - prepare for tomorrow today
 - prepare through cleansing
 - prepare through faith
- d. Easier for God to ~~move~~ turn moving body than parked body

7. Conclusion

- a. Gravity attraction picture of God's work
 - easier to accelerate or deceleration body in motion
 - body at rest has lots of inertia
 - * harder to move body from a full stop
- b. Luke 14:28 counting cost to build tower
 - Luke 14:31 king looks over men & supplies before going into battle
- c. Becoming Jesus disciple
 - Lk 14:27 bear your cross & follow Jesus
 - Lk 14:33 forsaking all to follow Jesus