



# JOSHUA 1:1-9

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3. The Comfort of God's Presence. (v. 9)

# Genesis 12:1-7

(God's Promise to Abraham)

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“Now the Lord said to Abram, Go forth from your country, And from your relatives, And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be bless.” So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him...Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew and all their possessions which they had accumulated...and they set out for the land of Canaan.

Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.”

# Genesis 50:24

(Closes with God's Promise to Abraham)

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“Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land [Egypt] to the land which He promised an oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.”

# Joshua 1:1-9

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7. “Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. “Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. 8. “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 success. 9. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

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## 1. The Faithfulness of God's Character (vv. 1-6)

- ✓ God remains faithful to His people—despite the difficult circumstances.
- ✓ God is trustworthy.
- ✓ Don't wilt, don't cower, be **strong and courageous!**
- ✓ “Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is, very simply, the presence of faith” Lt. Cmdr. McDaniel
- ✓ God keeps His Word, His promises transcend the rise and fall of people and nations.



# Joshua 1:8

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8. “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 **success**.

# God wrote “This Book”

(The Bible)

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- ✓ Exodus 17:14 “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua”
- ✓ Exodus 34:1 “The LORD said to Moses, “Cut out for yourself two stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets...”
- ✓ Exodus 34:27 “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write down these words...”
- ✓ Joshua 24:26 “And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the Law of God.”
- ✓ 1 Samuel 10:25 “Then Samuel...wrote them in the book and placed it before the LORD.”
- ✓ Jeremiah 36:18 “The Baruch said to them, “He [God] dictates all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book.”

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# Psalm 1:1-3

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“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prosperes.

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# Psalm 91

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“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!” For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper And from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day; Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, But it shall not approach you. You will only look on with your eyes And see the recompense of the wicked. For you have made the LORD, my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place. No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down. “Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. “He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. “With a long life I will satisfy him And let him see My salvation.”

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# Jude 24-25

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“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.