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*** Next Week's Reading Homework: Joshua 23**

How Majestic is Your Name #30

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!” Ps 8:1

Michael W. Smith

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth

O Lord - we praise Your name

O Lord - we magnify Your name

Prince of Peace, mighty God

O Lord God Almighty

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Word of God

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:1,14

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Hope for the hopeless, strong and true
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A shield for those who trust in You
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Open the Eyes of My Heart

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you...” Ephesians 1:18

Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

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Joshua 8:30-35 — English Standard Version (ESV)

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Wonderful Words of Life #270

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" John 6:63

Philip Bliss

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, wonderful words of life
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever

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Offering: Ancient Words

*"Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all
their heart" Psalm 119:2*

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Ancient words, ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

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Be Strong and Courageous: A Study in Joshua

By Dr. Jason Lee

Text: Joshua 7:1-15, 19-21; 8:30-35

Theme: Be strong and courageous by hearing the warnings in God's Word.

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Joshua 7:1-5, 6-12, 19-21;
8:30-35

Heed the Warnings
from God

Be Strong and
Courageous

A Study in Joshua

Joshua 7-8: God Warns His People

Joshua 7:1-5

[1] But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel.

[2] Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. [3] And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." [4] So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, [5] and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water. (ESV)

Joshua 7-8: God Warns His People

Notice how Achan's sin has devastating effects on the whole nation. One "small sin" brings the "anger of the Lord" on the nation.

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The collateral damage cannot be estimated beforehand. Notice how the people lose their courage about following God.

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Joshua 7:6–9

[6] Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. [7] And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord GOD, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! [8] O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! [9] For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?" (ESV)

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Joshua's repentance is mixed with questions and fear.

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Sin is not just an inconvenience for us. It dishonors God's name.

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Joshua 7:10–12

[10] The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? [11] Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. [12] Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. (ESV)

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God's reply to Joshua's repentance and his questions is clear. Their sin has brought destruction. God warns them of losing His power.

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The last line shows the move from confession (words) to repentance (actions).

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Joshua 7:19–21

[19] Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." [20] And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: [21] when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath." (ESV)

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Confession of sin brings glory to God because it recognizes sin as rebellion against God's words.

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Achan's death follows. Though he still dies (justly), he faces God having confessed and haven given glory to God through repentance. Repentance removes guilt not all consequences.

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Joshua 8:30–32

Joshua Renews the Covenant

[30] At that time Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, [31] just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings. [32] And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. (ESV)

God gives the city of Ai into the people's hand.

The people set an ambush.

Joshua holds his javelin out and the army of Ai recognize the city is burning behind them.



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Joshua 8:33–35

[33] And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. [34] And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. [35] There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them. (ESV)

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From chapter 1, we have seen how God was raising up His leader, Joshua, as the leader is obedient to His words. He was told to be “strong and courageous” as he reads and does the word of God. Joshua’s leadership is at its best when he listens carefully to the word of God and leads faithfully according to the wisdom of God.

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What can we learn from the warnings in God’s Word?

1. Sin is a great disruption of God’s plans for you and His presence with you.

God does not leave us, but our sin grieves Him and hinders our fellowship with Him. Many purposes that God has for us are thwarted by our sin.

2. God removes the guilt of sin, but not all of its consequences.

God’s forgiveness is not a “cosmic do-over”. Confession and repentance are necessary to renew our walk with Him, but there may still be lingering consequences from our sin.

3. Be strong and courageous by reading God’s Word and teaching it to others.

Just like Joshua we should be reading and meditating on God’s Word so that we can know what God is like and what He commands for us to do. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 tells us to fear God and keep His commandments. The Bible is ongoing Word of God to us so that we can listen to His Word and live by His wisdom. Make everyday matter.

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