

We Can Know That God Is With Us
(Joshua 1:1-9)

Introduction:

1. In these verses God spoke to Joshua who succeeded Moses as the leader of Israel.
2. As He spoke to Joshua,:
 - a. God gave Joshua his mission
 - b. God instructed Joshua to be strong and courageous
 - c. God instructed Joshua to remain true to His Word
 - d. God assured Joshua that He would always be with him (vs.5, 9).
3. The assurance that God gave to Joshua in vs.5 is also available to Christians (Hebrews 13:5-6).
4. In our lesson we are covering passages that teach us how "we can know that God is with us."

Introduction:

- I. LET US FIRST CONSIDER THE LORD'S EXAMPLE AND TEACHING
 - A. His example: Jesus knew that the Father was with Him (John 8:29; 16:32).
 - B. His teaching: Jesus said that we can be assured of God's presence if we keep His Words (John 14:23).
 - C. Since we must keep the Lord's Words for the Father to abide with us, . . .
- II. LET US NEXT CONSIDER INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
 - A. 2 Corinthians 13:11
 1. This verse mentions "*the God of love and peace*" being with us.
 2. To enjoy this blessing we must:
 - a. "*be perfect*" [made complete]
 - b. "*be of good comfort*"
 - c. "*be of one mind*" (Romans 12:16)
 - d. "*live in peace*" (Romans 12:18).
 - B. Philippians 4:4-9
 1. Vs.9 mentions "*the God of peace*" being with us.
 2. To enjoy this blessing,:
 - a. we must practice the teachings of Paul, including:
 - 1) "rejoicing in the Lord always" (vs.4)
 - 2) "practicing moderation [forbearance]" (vs.5)
 - 3) "avoiding anxiety" (vs.6-7)
 - 4) "thinking properly" (vs.8).
 - b. we must follow Paul's example (Acts 16:11-12, 22-25).
 - C. 1 John 1:5-7
 1. Vs.7 mentions "having fellowship with God."
 2. To enjoy this blessing,:
 - a. we must not "*walk in darkness*"
 - b. we must "*walk in the light.*"
 - D. 1 John 4:16
 1. This verse mentions "God dwelling in us."
 2. To enjoy this blessing, we must "dwell in love."

Conclusion:

1. God promised to be with Joshua; however, God gave Joshua certain responsibilities to fulfill.
2. God has promised to be with His children today; however, God has also given us certain responsibilities to fulfill.
3. By fulfilling these responsibilities, "we can know that God is with us."
4. Let us examine ourselves on a regular basis (Psalm 139:23-24).