



THE KEY TO SUCCESS: THE LORD'S LIP SERVICE

JOSHUA 1:7-9 BIBLE STUDY

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THE WORD OF THE LORD IS KEY



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15, NIV)



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Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (Jos 1:8, NIV)





14 The LORD [YHWH] said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. 17 Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you. (Gen 13:14-17, NIV)





2 The LORD [YHWH] appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. 3 Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. 4 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions. (Gen 26:2-5, NIV)





13 There above it stood the LORD [YHWH], and he said: "I am the LORD [YHWH], the God of your father **Abraham** and the God of **Isaac**. I will **give you** and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (Gen 28:13-15, NIV)





2 The LORD [YHWH] was with Joseph so that he prospered [צַלַה sālah], and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the LORD [YHWH] was with him and that the LORD [YHWH] gave him success in everything he did, 4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. (Gen 39:2-4, NIV)





20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, 21 the LORD [YHWH] was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. (Gen 39:20-21, NIV)





38 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." (Gen 41:38-40, NIV)





1 The LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, 2 "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders." (Num 13:1-2, NIV)





6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the LORD [YHWH] is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD [YHWH]. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD [YHWH] is with us. Do not be afraid of them." (Num 14:6-9, NIV)





"Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun." (Num 14:30, NIV)





34 For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.' 35 I, the LORD [YHWH], have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die." (Num 14:34-35, NIV)





5 The LORD [YHWH] will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD [YHWH] your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Dt 31:5-6, NIV)





7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD [YHWH] swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. 8 The LORD [YHWH] himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Dt 31:7-8, NIV)





Then the LORD [YHWH] said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." (Dt 34:4, NIV)





1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD [YHWH], the LORD [YHWH] said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. (Jos 1:1-4, NIV)





5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. (Jos 1:5-6, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:7 BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS!



Only, be strong and be very courageous – obeying and doing all the Law that my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, so that you will prosper wherever you go. (Jos 1:7, AT)



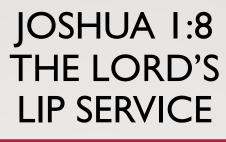
JOSHUA 1:7 DON'T STRAY FROM GOD'S WAY!



- 5 Trust in the LORD [YHWH] with all your heart, and on your own insight do not lean.
- 6 In all your ways be conscious of Him And He will straighten your paths.

(Pr 3:5-6, AT)







Do not remove this Book of the Law from your lips; meditate [קְּגָה | $h\bar{a}g\hat{a}$] on it day and night so that you will obey and do all that is written in it. For then you will make your path prosperous [אַלַה | ṣālaḥ], and then you will have success אָבֶל | śākal אָבַל | Jight | śākal | (Jos 1:8, AT)



JOSHUA 1:8 THE LORD'S LIP SERVICE



11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD [YHWH] your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD [YHWH] your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. 13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the LORD [YHWH] your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." (Dt 31:11-13, NIV)



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24 After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end, 25 he gave this command to the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD [YHWH]: 26 "Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD [YHWH] your God. There it will remain as a witness against you. 27 For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the LORD [YHWH] while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die! (Dt 31:24-27, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 MEDITATE ON THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



On my bed I remember you;

I think [קָלָה | $h\bar{a}g\hat{a}$] of you through the watches of the night.

(Ps 63:6, NIV)

I will **consider** [קָּגָה $|h\bar{a}g\hat{a}|$ all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

(Ps 77:12, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 MEDITATE ON THE MASTER'S MESSAGE



36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. (Ps 119:36-37, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD



"These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

(Is 29:13a, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD



Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness." (2 Timothy 2:19, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 GODLY PROSPERITY



so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

and achieve the purpose [אָלַה | ṣālaḥ] for which I sent it.

(Is 55:11, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 GODLY SUCCESS



23 This is what the LORD says:

- "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches,
- 24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the **understanding** [אַבֶּל | śākal] to know me,
 - that I am the LORD [YHWH], who exercises kindness,
 - justice and righteousness on earth,
 - for in these I delight,"
 - declares the LORD [YHWH].

(Jer 9:23-24, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 GODLY PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS



11 "Now, my son, the LORD [YHWH] be with you, and may you have success [אַלַה | sālaḥ] and build the house of the LORD [YHWH] your God, as he said you would. 12 May the LORD [YHWH] give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD [YHWH] your God. 13 Then you will have success [אַלָה | sālaḥ] if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD [YHWH] gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. (1 Ch 22:11-13, NIV)



JOSHUA 1:8 GODLY PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS



Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and be courageous! Do not be terrified and do not be discouraged. For the LORD [YHWH] your God is **with** you wherever you go. (Jos 1:9, AT)