



CROSS & CONQUER

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The 40 years of walking across the very long wilderness would mean nothing if people of Israel did not cross the last obstacle, which is Jordan river. Under the new leadership and management, Israel was prepared to cross Jordan. **Technically**, it was the same thing with what God already did to the Red Sea. It was completely dry so that people could cross over. But, **practically** there is one thing totally different. They crossed and ready to conquer the Promised Land.

***Jos.4:23** for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over,*



PROMISE OF VICTORY

JOSHUA 1 ²“Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, **go over this Jordan**, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. ³**Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you**, as I said to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be **your territory**. ⁵No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so **I will be with you**. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

**VICTORY
OVER YOUR
TERRITORY**

God gave a promise that is very strong for Joshua. Maybe we can say that the promise was about **total victory**! No enemy will be able to survive before them. Later, that promise is also called as **IMMANUEL**; God with us. And that promise will never expire! Whenever we walk together with God, we need not to be worry nor afraid because He will fight for us! Celebrating Christmas definitely will refreshes our mind that Jesus came to this world to redeem our sins so that we can walk with God and God walk with us.

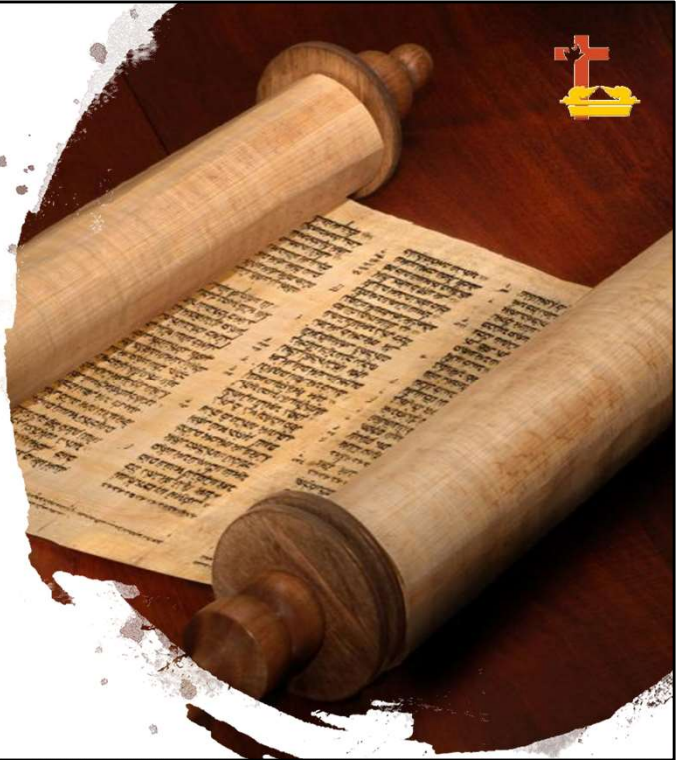
Mat.1:23 *Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**,*” which is translated, “**God with us.**”

VICTORY OVER YOUR TERRITORY

So, what is your territory? Your life, marriage, family, ministry, calling. Whatever territory that God had given us, let's believe that we are able to conquer it together with God. Even God may give a NEW TERRITORY to you to conquer.

BOOK OF VICTORY

JOSHUA 1 ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do **according to all the law** which Moses My servant commanded you; **do not** turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may **prosper** wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law **shall not depart from your mouth**, but you shall **meditate** in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way **prosperous**, and then you will have **good success**.



The promise of victory is not a stand-alone thing. Instead, it was given **together** with the book of victory. The Bible is given for believers so that we can live and walk in the strong promise of God. The Bible is not only a good reading, it is a **must** reading. The Bible is not only nice to know, but it is a **must** to know. God is really serious when He gave that instruction: **DO NOT** turn to the right nor to the left; no compromise; they must do just like what it had been given to them. The book of victory must be a thing that sink down deep into their heart, **MEDITATE** it, keep thinking about it, always back to it, so that it will overflow through our mouth.

ERV: Always **remember** what is written in that book of law. **Speak about** that book and **study** it day and night. Then you can be sure to **obey** what is written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything you do.

ORDER OF VICTORY READY FOR NEW NORMAL

JOSHUA 3 ² So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; ³ and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about **2,000 cubits** by measure. Do not come near it, that you may **know the way by which you must go**, for you have not passed *this* way before."



Entering the Promised Land means that Israel will have **a new normal**. During 40 years, most of the time Israel walked through the free land of wilderness. And now Israel must be ready with a new normal where they must fight against **7 nations** greater and mightier than them *Deut.7:1* (eventually, Israel defeated 31 kings: 2 kings in the east side of Jordan and 31 kings in the west side of Jordan). When they were ready to cross Jordan, somehow the order of Israel's rank must be changed. **The ark of covenant**, which is the presence of God, must definitely lead the way, because Israel was entering the totally new place.

As we are entering the end times, when God will accomplish all of His divine plan for His creation, we must also be ready for the new normal, and we must let God lead all the way, so that we can have that victory. Once Moses prayed: "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here *Ex.33:15*."

THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND ITS POWER

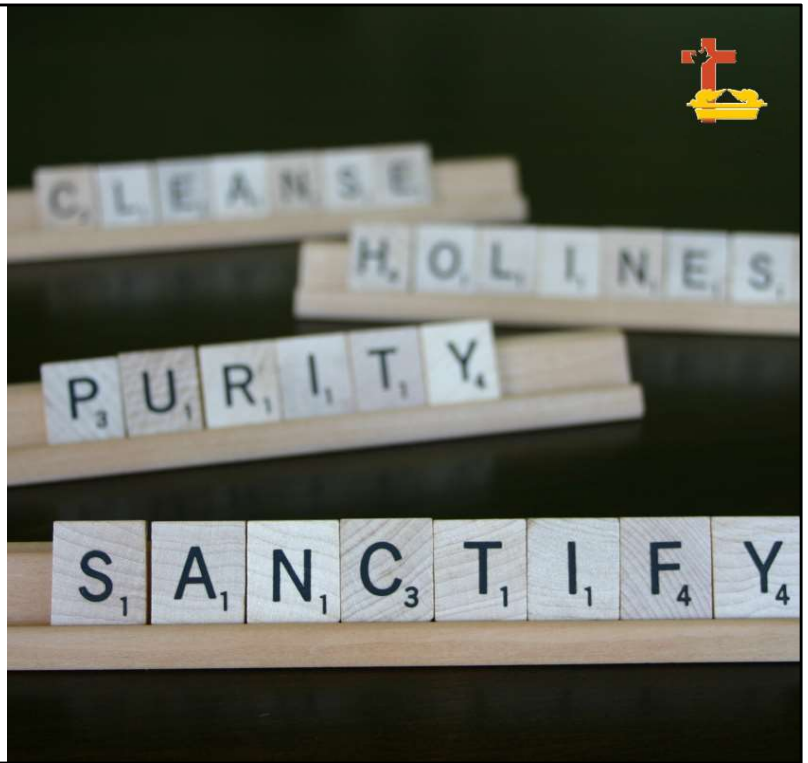
JOSHUA 3 ¹⁵ and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), ¹⁶ that the waters which came down from upstream stood *still*, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

There is nothing that God can't do for believers. As soon as the ark entered the Jordan river, its abundant water suddenly stopped and CUT OFF. When we let the presence of God go before us, we will see the power of the presence of God. Truly, this is the **power of prayer**. When believer pray for something, actually we let the presence of God go before us, humbly we ask God to show us His way, so that we can walk after Him.

RULE OF VICTORY

JOSHUA 3 ⁵ And Joshua said to the people, “**Sanctify yourselves**, for tomorrow the LORD will do **wonders** among you.”

1 PETER ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”



Joshua emphasized this **RULE OF VICTORY** before Israel experience the wondrous thing in their life. That second generation of Israel never see miracle like this before. All their parents who cross the Red Sea already perished in the wilderness because of their sins. And then God was dealing with the second generation, showing His mighty power in their presence, and He asked for **HOLINESS**.

Why holiness is so important? Because God is holy and it is **unchanging**! God is not able to compromise with His holiness because God is holy. When we want to let the power of God work mightily in our life, that rule of victory must be met. Living in holiness is become possible because of **Jesus**!

SANCTIFIED IN JESUS

1 CORINTHIANS 1 ²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are **sanctified in Christ Jesus**, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 CORINTHIANS 6



⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And such were some of you.

But **you were washed**, but **you were sanctified**, but **you were justified** in the name of **the Lord Jesus** and by **the Spirit of our God**.



ANOTHER WONDER

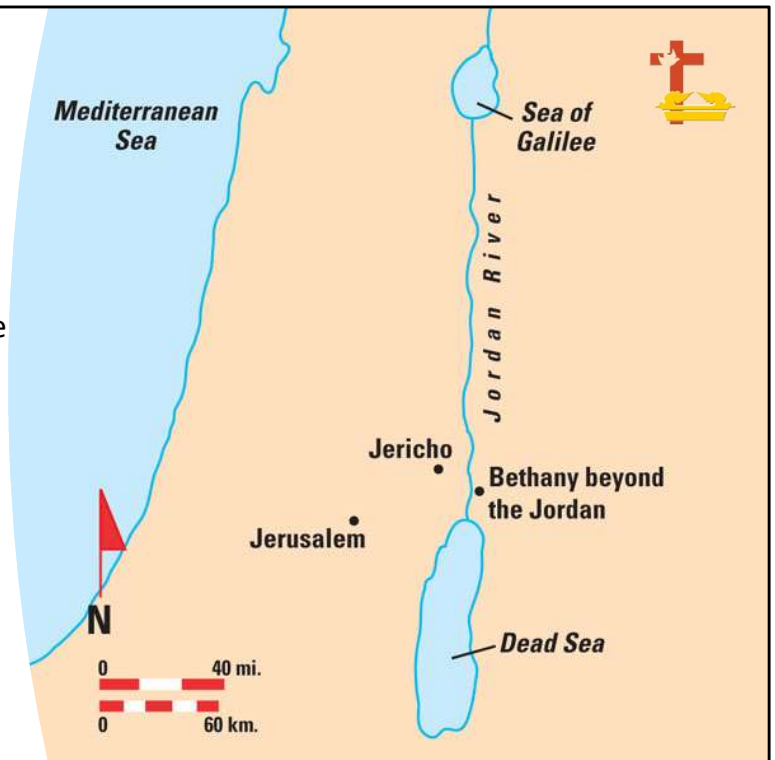
REVELATION 12:1 And there appeared **a great wonder** in heaven; a woman clothed with **the sun**, and **the moon** under her feet, and upon her head a crown of **12 stars**:

*Sanctify yourselves, for the LORD will do **wonders** among you.*



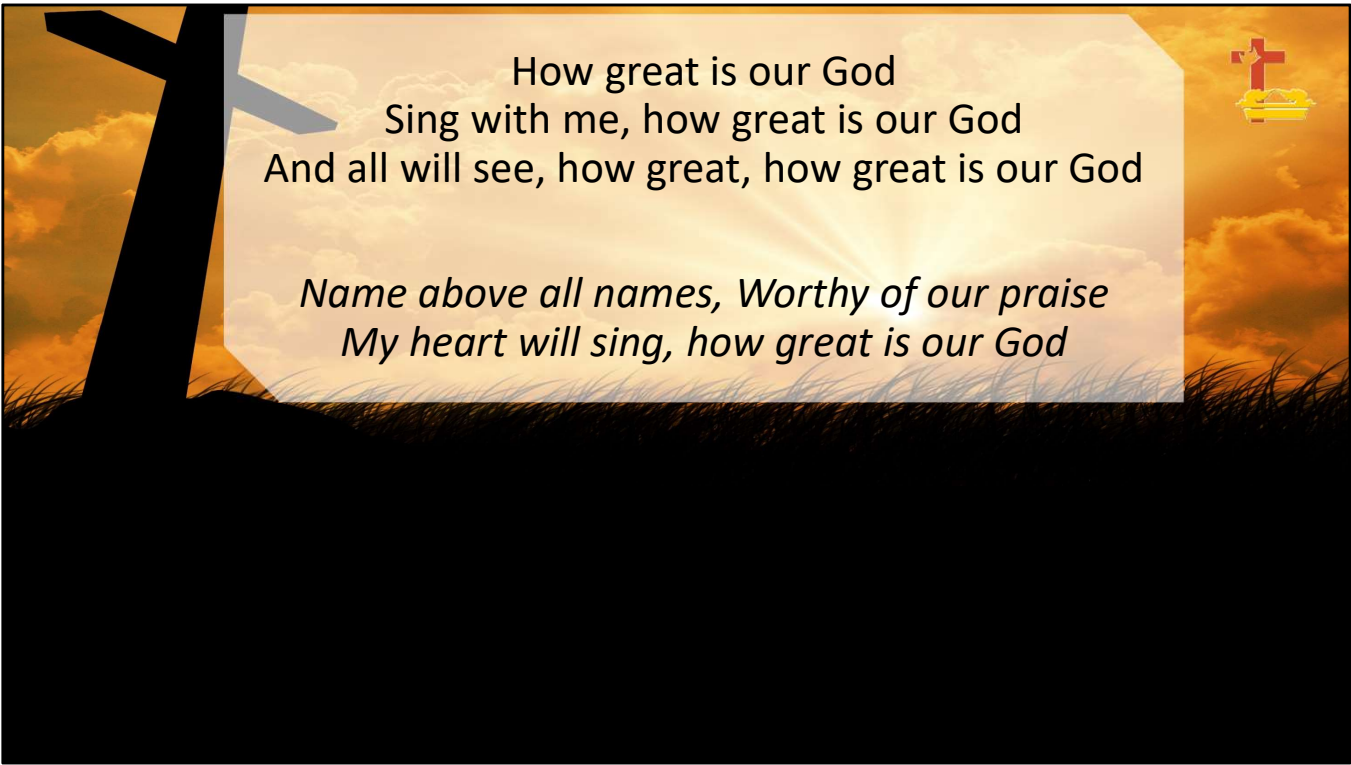
VICTORY IN ADVANCE

JOSHUA 5 ¹ So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that **their heart melted**; and there was **no spirit in them** any longer because of the children of Israel.



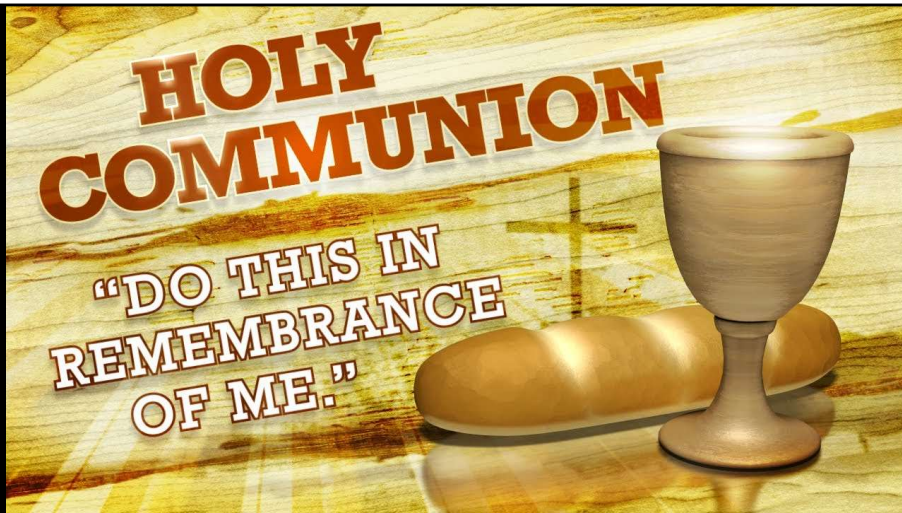
1JOHN 4 ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

While crossing the Red Sea is the antitype of water baptism *1Cor.10:2*, we may say that crossing the Jordan river is the antitype of Holy Spirit baptism. Holy Spirit will empower believers to be victorious in all aspects of life.



How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see, how great, how great is our God

*Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God*

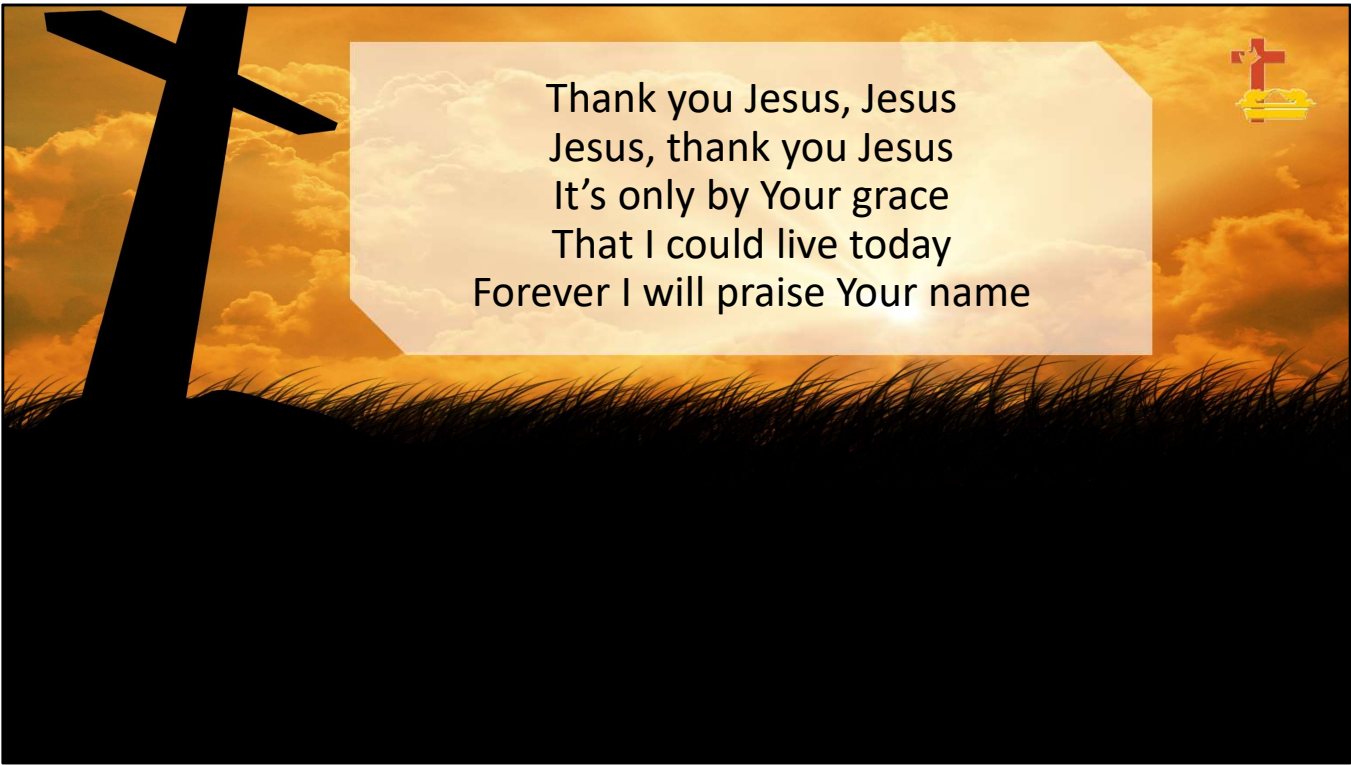


1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**



Thank you Jesus, Jesus
Jesus, thank you Jesus
It's only by Your grace
That I could live today
Forever I will praise Your name

