

The Continuity of God
People Move or Die, Circumstances Change, God Remains Unchanged

Moses had been the only leader the Israelites had ever known. Through Moses, God had spoken to them, led them to freedom from Egypt and through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

Now Moses was dead, but they were not without a leader. God had already acted to select and prepare Joshua to lead them. However, even while God continued to lead and bless them, and Joshua would be their leader, he would not be another Moses—he would be Joshua.

I. MEN PASS ON AND CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE

A. Moses, God's Unique Servant/Leader, Died Deut. 34:10

1. Moses did not die because of old age or disease Deut. 34:7
2. Moses' life was finished; he fulfilled God's assignment Deut. 31:1-2; 34:7-12

B. The Circumstances of Israel Changed Under Moses' Leadership

1. From being slaves to being free
2. From a disorganized mob to a united nation of people
3. From being unprepared to receive the Promised Land to being fully able

II. MOSES AND JOSHUA

A. Every Man Is Unique in Makeup and Purpose

B. No Man Is Indispensable

C. Nobody Takes the Place of Another Man

III. GOD REMAINS THE SAME AND CONTINUES Joshua 1:1-18; Hebrews 13:8

A. The End of Moses Did Not Mean the End of the Presence of God

1. God's presence did not depend upon Moses being present
2. God was with Joshua as much as He had been with Moses Joshua 1:2-5

B. The End of Moses Did Not Affect God's Promises and Blessings

1. God uses men but is not dependent upon any one man Esther 4:14
2. God's promises are dependent upon God, not men
3. God is trustworthy and always finds a way to keep His promises

C. God Put the Same Conditions on Joshua That He Had Put On Moses Joshua. 1:7-9

1. God expected Moses to be dependent upon Him
2. God expected Joshua to also be dependent upon Him
 - a. To be strong and of good courage

Joshua was expected to focus on God and draw strength from Him and not look at the circumstances or strength of the enemies before him.

With God being for him it did not matter who was against him!

- b. To observe according to all of the law

Joshua was expected to be absolutely obedient to God's law in every detail.

D. God Expected Joshua to Lead the People to Trust and Obey Him

1. Joshua commanded the people to be fully obedient to him and to God Joshua 1:10-15
2. The people agreed to be fully obedient to Joshua and to follow him Joshua 1:16-18