

“LIVING IN THE LAND OF FLOURISHING”

Series: “Flourishing”, Part 3 of 6
Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Joshua 3 & 4

Big Idea: We can live a life of biblical flourishing just as surely as the Israelites flourished in the Promised Land.

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.” -Ephesians 1:18

I. THERE WAS THEOLOGICAL OBSERVATION.

After three days the officers went throughout the camp, 3 giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it.” -Joshua 3:2-3, 4b

II. THERE WAS PSYCHOLOGICAL PREPARATION.

“Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.” -Joshua 3:4a

III. THERE WAS SPIRITUAL CONSECRATION.

Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” -Joshua 3:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” -John 15:5

IV. THERE WAS PHYSICAL MEMORIALIZATION.

In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD.” -Joshua 4:6b-7a

He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, (Not just your children, this generation, but way down) ‘What do these stones mean?’ 22 tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’” -Joshua 4:21-22

And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ 27 then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” -Exodus 12:26-27a

And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.” -Joshua 3:7

For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.” -Joshua 4:23-24