

WALKING ON NEW GROUND

JOSHUA 3

Text: Joshua 3:1-5,13

Introduction:

"..... for ye have not passed this way heretofore."

Joshua told the Israelites they would be walking in places they had never walked before. Strange ground, new ground They would be walking on the promise land and everywhere they walked would become theirs. Some here are going to be waking on new ground.

- Going to college
- Marriage
- Moving
- New job

So Joshua gave them the instruction so that "ye may know which way ye must go."

I've heard people say, "I don't know which way to turn." There are three principles or lessons taught here

that are extremely important if you are going to walk on new ground with confidence and not be afraid. Lets look at these three. First let me say that the ark was to be out in front of the main body by one-half mile. The ark represents the presence of God.

1. FOLLOWING GOD.

(Joshua 3:3) "And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it."

Following after God requires full surrender
(A Commitment)

The Lord demands complete surrender; the Devil asks for compromise.

A. To follow God we must:

1. Surrender to His will

a. When we surrender to His will ours must be broken.

b. Wherever He leads I'll follow.

c. Come not near unto it. vs 4

- Don't get ahead of God.
- God must be out front so that we can keep Him in view.
- Don't try to choose God's will, but just surrender to His will.

B. Sincerity in His work.

1. Every Christian in this room is in full time Christian work.
2. Whatever you do, do it with sincerity.

(Ecclesiastes 9:10) "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

3. Don't play games with God's work.
 - a. We live in an "all play, no work" society.
 - b. Uzzah (2 Sam 6:6,7)
 - c. SS teachers play at their job.
 - d. Bus workers play at their job.

e. Christian play at church.

C. Stronghold in His Word.

1. Grounded in the Word of God.

2. REVERENCING GOD (VS. 3)

A. Reverence His Name Exo. 20:7

3. BELIEVING GOD (VS 13)

A. Our job is to walk.

B. God's job is to part the water

Close: We will never build a great church with part-time Christians. Are you willing to walk on new ground?