

A New Leader

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-16; Numbers 27:15-23

Many years ago, the king of England died. In the mid night, the leaders of the land went to the 12 year old Victoria the princess who was living in another palace and said that she was the new ruler of the land. She was prepared for that position even from her childhood. Immediately she knelt down and prayed to God for the wisdom to rule the people as she realized that it is impossible through her own strength. She was a good ruler for her people.

The people would've been shocked after the death of Moses. At a very important stage the most experienced and noble leader passed away. They would've thought that none will be able to fit in that position. But God had prepared a man to be there. Who could it be? Yes, it was Joshua. He always obeyed God and Moses his leader. A person who cannot obey his higher authorities cannot be trained to be a leader. A good leader is always a good follower.

God was working on Joshua for this responsible position for almost 40 years. Now he was 80 years old. His parents had brought him up in Godly fear. He became the servant of Moses before they left the land of Egypt. Having found that he was trust worthy, Moses appointed him as the captain for warfare. When they came close to the Promised Land, he was one among the twelve that were sent to spy the land. Joshua and Caleb brought forth news of hope whereas the rest ten spoke words of unbelief.

Questions:

- 1) Whose help did Queen Victoria seek to lead the people?
- 2) Who can become a good leader? Why?
- 3) Why was Joshua appointed to be the next leader?