

Scripture reading: Joshua 3:1-17

An excellent leader – He who completely understand the desire of God's heart

As soon as the spies sent by Joshua returned from Jericho, the people were prepared to cross over the Jordan. The priests carried the Ark of the Covenant and lead the way as the others followed. A few among them were babes when they left Egypt. The rest of them were born in the wilderness. Though they had witnessed many miracles of God, they had not seen the dividing of the Red Sea. God called Joshua and said, "When the priests put their feet into Jordan carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the river will be split and shall give way. I will do this so that the people will know that I am with you as I was with Moses." Joshua called his people and said, "By this you will know that the living God is among you. He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites and the Hivites, and the Perizzites and the Girgashites, the Amorites and the Jebusites. As a sign of this promise, God will divide the mighty Jordan and take you over to the other side".

Questions:

God said Joshua that He will work this miracle to exalt Joshua in the midst of the people. But here we see Joshua telling his people that this miracle was performed so that they will know that the living God is among them. Which one is true?

Answer:

After Moses, though there were the children of Moses, children of Aaron and many who had experiences of being a priest, there was a reason for God to appoint Joshua in his place. We are going to meditate one of those reasons. Our God is omnipotent and omniscient. He can use a particular thing to bless many. If this miracle of parting Jordan be done through Joshua, the people will begin to regard him and obey his words. At the same time, when fear of the enemies tries to haunt them, they will remember that the God they worship is mighty. Though this was not directly spoken to Joshua, we see him working with the right understanding of God's heart.

Even when we experience such miracles, we should never boast that God did it just for my sake, but rather try to encourage those who need a similar touch of God and speak words that would strengthen up their faith.

"God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:8

Prayer:

Almighty God, just as You made way by dividing the Red sea and Jordan and destroyed all that hindered your people, continue to work out Your miracles in our lives too. Amen