

Entering In:

What do you think “God is love” means?

1. The Lord passed in front of Moses (Exodus 34:6, 7). What did he proclaim?

How would you define *God’s love* on the basis of this verse?

2. What was Joshua’s first recorded calling from the Lord? (Numbers 13:16)

How did Joshua distinguish himself from most of the spies (Numbers 14:5ff)?

What was the source of Joshua’s confidence (14:9)?

What is the significance of Moses’ renaming of Hoshea son of Nun? [NOTE: Hoshea means *salvation*; Joshua means *Yahweh is salvation*.]

Whose name, in the New Testament, is derived from Joshua (Matthew 1:21)?

3. What was the Lord’s response to the rebellion of the Israelites against entering the land that he had promised to give to them (Numbers 14:26ff)?

Why was Moses barred from entering the Promised Land (Numbers 20:11, 12)?

What does the writer to the Hebrews (3:19) cite as the reason the Israelites were unable to enter the Promised Land?

How did these Israelites demonstrate their *unbelief*?

In light of these things, what warning does the writer give us (Hebrews 3:12ff)?

4. What promise of God is recounted in Joshua 1:3-5 (cf. Deuteronomy 7:1)?

How many times does the Lord tell Joshua to be *strong and courageous*?

What words of assurance does the Lord give to Joshua twice (vv.5, 9)?

What does Jesus say that God has given us (Luke 12:32)?

Why do you think Jesus says, “Do not be afraid, little flock ...” as a preface to his announcement?

What fears do you have difficulty overcoming?

5. What covenantal obligation does the Lord remind Joshua to carefully observe?

How do we know that this is a covenantal obligation? (Deuteronomy 6:23-25)

How is our covenantal obligation the same as Israel's obligation?

How is it different?

6. In Deuteronomy 7:2ff, what did God instruct Israel to do upon defeating their enemies?

Why did God require Israel to do these things (Deuteronomy 9:4ff)?

Some people ask, "How could a loving God demand such inhumane treatment of their enemies?" How would you answer them?

What is the common theme of all the following verses?

- Deuteronomy 7:1, 2
- Deuteronomy 7:22
- Deuteronomy 9:3
- Joshua 1:2b, 3

To whom does the battle ultimately belong?

How does Paul describe his ministry in 2 Corinthians 11:4, 5?

What are some of the specific *arguments* and *strongholds* that we must *demolish* today?

How are we to go about accomplishing these things?

Living It Out:

Pray for courage to take possession of the kingdom Christ has given to you.

