

## **You Can Live As A Great Testimony!**

Deut. 30:19-20

19. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

20. and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life,

Matthew 5:3 - "Blessed are the poor (beggars) in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:4 - Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Matthew 5:6 - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Matthew 5:8 - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5: 7 - "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Mt.5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

II Peter 3:18 - "Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Mt. 5:10-12

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Joshua 3:9-17

9. Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.

10. This is how you will know (because of the testimony you're about to get) that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites.

11. See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.

12. Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

13. And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD--the Lord of all the earth--set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

14. So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.

15. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge,

16. the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea, Dead sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

17. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

#### Josh 4:1-9

1. When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua,

2. "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe,

3. and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

4. So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe,

5. and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites,

6. to serve as a sign among you. 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. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan

were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

8. So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.

9. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

KJV - 9. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

Josh 4:18-24

18. And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

19. On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho.

20. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan.

21. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?'

22. tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'

23. 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." (because of the testimony you just got)

Rev 12:11 – "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;"

Rom. 8:37 - No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Pr. 18:21 – "The tongue has the power of life and death"

The sword of Goliath represents two things:

Firstly, in the hand of Goliath it represents that which was sent to kill, steal and destroy!

Secondly, in David's hand that same sword became a testimony that whatever the devil designed and launched against him didn't work!

Ps. 9:13-15 - O LORD, see how my enemies persecute me! Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, that I may declare your praises in the gates of the Daughter of Zion and there rejoice in your salvation. The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.

Psalms 40:2-3 - He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.