

# **Saint and a Soldier**

**Lessons from the life of Joshua**

Joshua 1-24; Deut. 31:1-8

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# INTRODUCTION

- Joshua shines like a bright star in the word of God. His name means God is salvation.
- He was raised in Egypt as a slave but became a great soldier and a mature saint.
- God used him to bring the nation of Israel to the promise land.

# INTRODUCTION

- With the help of God he conquered and distributed the land among the twelve tribes.
- He was a successful military man and mature believer.
- In Egypt he was slave.
- In the wilderness, he was a soldier and Moses's aide.

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- In Canaan he was the Sanapati (commander of army).
- He finished his journey as a great saint.
- Like him we were also slaves but thanks to God, He has delivered us from the slavery of sin, Satan and the death.

# INTRODUCTION

- We are also soldiers in the army of God and He has commissioned us to do his work.
- Our position in Christ is of sainthood, therefore let us continue to grow to become mature saints and finish well.

# He was slave in Egypt

- Joshua son of Nun was slave in Egypt. He saw the hard life and must have worked as a brick maker.
- God delivered him not only from the bondage of Pharaoh but also from the slavery of sin.
- We should be thankful to God that He has done the same for us.

# He became a soldier of God.

- Joshua was not only an aide of Moses, he also became a great soldier for God's army. Ex. 17:9-16
- As a soldier he also worked as a spy and was sent to Canaan. Num. 13:1-16
- We are also soldiers in the army of God.

# He was commissioned as a Sanapati (Commander).

- Joshua was commissioned as a commander of God's army.
- Num. 27:12-23; Deut. 31:1-8 and Joshua 1:1-9.
- As a leader of the army, he was wise, brave and fearless.



# **He was commissioned as a Sanapati (Commander).**

- He led the nation to conquer the land.  
Joshua chapter 6-12
- He divided the land among all the tribes very wisely. 13-21
- He helped in setting up the tabernacle at Shiloh.
- He set up the cities for Levies.

**He was commissioned as a Sanapati  
(Commander).**

- He was also a great statesman who led the nation wisely in right direction until his death.
- We are also commissioned by Jesus Christ to do His work. Mt 28:16-19

# He was a mature Saint.

- Joshua was a mature saint of God.
- He was filled with the Spirit of God (Deut. 34:9).
- He enjoyed the presence of God (Josh. 1:5; 6:27).
- He loved the Word of God. 1:8

# He was a mature Saint.

- He was obedient to the LORD all the days of his life. 24:31
- He served God with his family. 24:15
- Let us strive to be mature saints for the glory of God.

# He renewed the covenant

- Joshua was a man who kept the covenant of God.
- Twice in his leadership he renewed the covenant.
- He did this in the beginning of his ministry and also at the end. Joshua 8:30-35 and 24:25-27

## He finished well.

- Joshua lived a perfect life and finished very well. Joshua 24:31
- Apostle Paul's words in 2Tim 4:6-8 are good summary of his life.
- Let us also resolve to finish well the race which is set before us.

# CONCLUSION

- Joshua was slave in Egypt. He became a successful soldier in the wilderness. He was wise commander of God's army who conquered and distributed the land among the tribes of Israel. He was mature saint who finished well. His character shines like a bright star in the word of God.

# CONCLUSION

- Let us learn from his life and be a good soldiers of Christ.
- He has commissioned us to do His work.
- Let us continue to be mature saint and finish well.
- In order to do all this let us renew our commitment.