

RULE OF SUCCESS

Josh 1:1-9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Principles that were truth and right then are truth and right now - plan of salvation and worship have been changed Rom 15:4
- B. Israel about to enter Canaan, God gives them a rule of success
- C. As long as Israel followed this rule they had success
- D. This rule will also give us success today - for which everyone is searching.

DISCUSSION:

I. BOOK OF LAW NOT DEPART FROM THEIR MOUTH

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- A. Must hear God's law
 - 1. Israel commanded to hear Prov 28:9
 - 2. We must hear also Acts 3:22,23; Rom 10:17
- B. Must speak God's law Josh 1:8
 - 1. Israel to speak it faithfully Jer 23:28
 - 2. Speak gospel faithfully 1Pet 4:11; Acts 4:20

II. MEDITATE THEREON DAY AND NIGHT Josh 1:8

- A. As a man thinks in his heart so is he Prov 23:7
- B. Delight (take pleasure in) is in the law of Lord Psa 1:1,2
- C. Instructed to meditate on these things 1Tim 4:15
- D. Think on these things Phil 4:8
- E. Search the scriptures Acts 17:11

III. DO ALL THINGS WRITTEN THEREIN Josh 1:8

- A. God always required obedience Matt 7:21
 - 1. Keep commands whole duty of man Eccl 12:13
 - 2. To know him we must keep his commands 1Jhn 2:4
 - 3. Obedience required of the patriarchs
- B. Inactive religion is vain Jas 2:20-26
- C. We are limited by: "all that is written" Josh 1:8
 - 1. There is only one gospel Gal 1:6-9
 - 2. Not to go beyond 2Jhn 9,11
 - 3. Speak as the oracles of God 1Pet 4:11

IV. THE RESULTS OF THIS RULE OF SUCCESS Josh 1:8

- A. Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous
 - 1. David's description Psa 1:1-6
 - 2. Christ's statement Matt 6:33
- B. Then thou shalt have good success
 - 1. Promise to Israel Josh 1:6 (conditional)
 - 2. Promises to Christians (conditional)
 - a. Know God **IF** keep his commandments 1Jhn 2:3
 - b. Enter Kingdom Matt 7:21 (conditional)
 - c. Freedom from sins Rom 6:17,18 (conditional)
 - d. Right to tree of life Rev 22:14 (conditional)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Israel had to follow this rule to have the blessings of God
- B. When they failed to follow they were punished
- C. We today as Christians must follow this rule to have the blessings of God
- D. When we fail to follow this rule we will be punished eternally for our disobedience.