

## The First Great Commission

Joshua 1:1-9

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What was the Garden of Eden like? Can you remember the Garden of Eden?

The Great Commission is great, but it is not original.

### God's Commission, v 2-3

Moses is dead; conquer the land.

What did the land mean? Why was it important?

Adam and Eve were to spread the Garden of Eden over the whole earth.

Having failed they were exiled to the wilderness of sin.

God graciously chose Abraham and promised him a land.

God promised Abraham his presence, blessing, and protection, *as he believed*.

God renewed his promises to Moses. (Deut 34:4; 30:15-18)

### God's Provision, v 4-5

I have given you this land. The land is defined. v 4.

Joshua, I have given you this land, now take it. Seems redundant.

"God is speaking directly to Joshua in a blend of promise and command designed to deepen his faith and nerve his obedience." David Jackman

The promises of God are guaranteed by grace and achieved by faith.

Divine promises *obligate and necessitate* a human response of faith.

*God is with you*. Think of that!!

God is with you as you seek to claim by faith what He promised.

Augustine, "Give what you command, and command what you will."

### God's Exhortation, v 6-7

Be strong and courageous

### How? Keep the law, v 8

Do not turn to the left or right.

Law in your mouth, speak of it.

Law in your mind, meditate on it day and night.

Law in your actions, just do it.

Doctrine is life. Theology is knowing God and walking with him.

Do you live up to the light that you have been shown?

Can others see your doctrine in your life?

**God's Encouragement, v 9**

Faithful law keeping is a response to grace received.

Exhorting to keep the Word of God, the Law of God, is not legalism.

God is with you. Do not be frightened.