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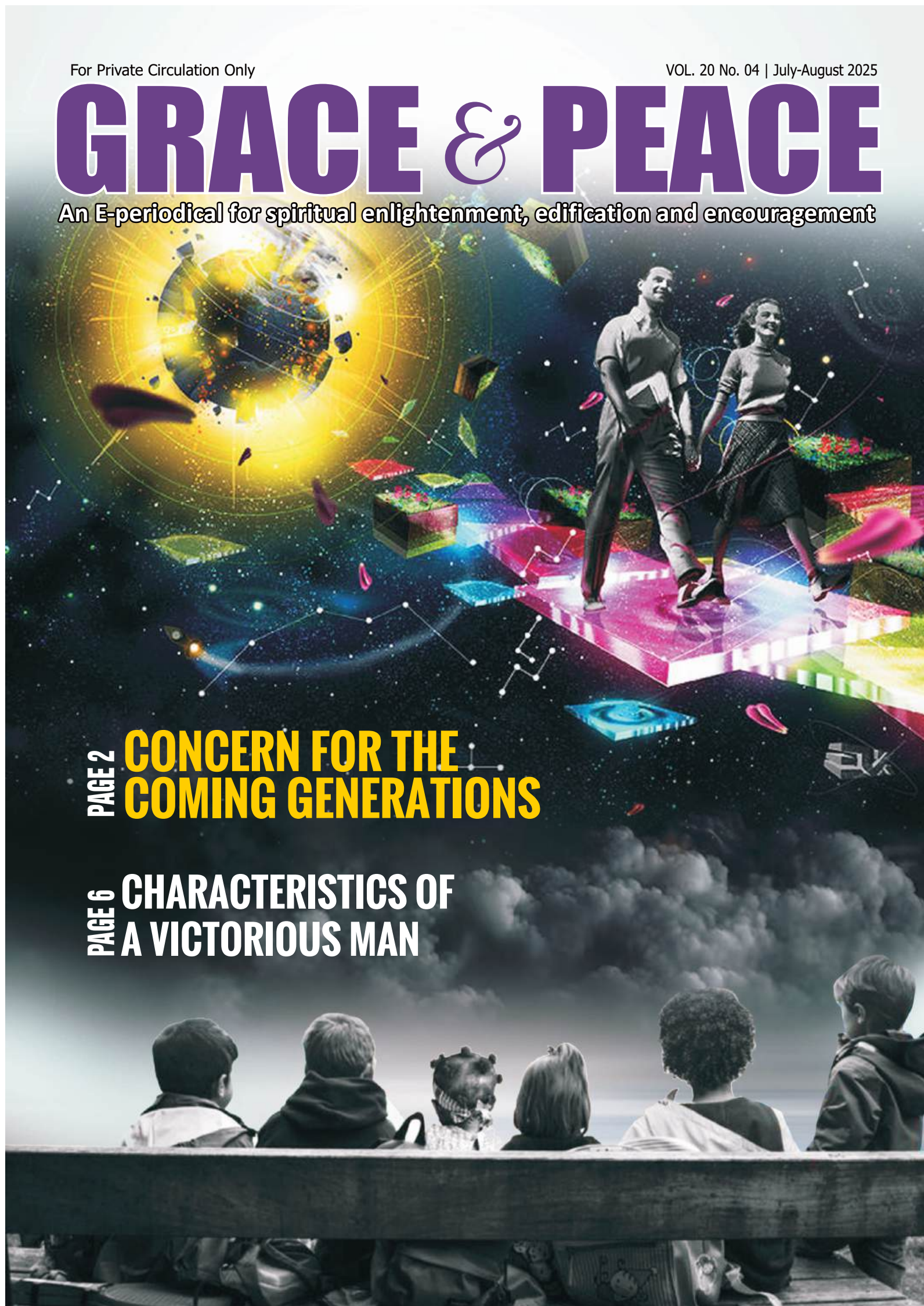
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# EDITORIAL

## LESSONS FROM THE RECHABITES

**T**he story of the Rechabites, as found in Jeremiah 35, is a challenging example. The Lord Himself used them as an illustration to communicate a message against Judah.

According to the word of the Lord, Jeremiah brought the Rechabites to the house of God and served them wine to drink. Refusing the offer they said, “We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us saying ‘you shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever’..... Thus, we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us...” (Jer. 35:6,8).

Remember, Rechabites were not from the tribe of Israel. They are descendants of the Kenite, Moses’ brother-in-law (Judges 1:16). Further, Jonadab, the founder of the Rechabite family, lived around 250 years earlier.

### Obedience

Pointing out their zeal in faithfully obeying their ancestor, the Lord Jehovah reprimanded Judah for paying no attention to His repeated commands through His servants (Jeremiah 35:13–16).

The emphasis in Jeremiah 35 is not on those specific instructions, but on their strict observance of those traditions set by Jonadab even after two centuries. If the Rechabites gave so much value to human traditions, how much more should God’s people value divine instructions!

### Responsibility

This story also teaches us the responsibility of the older generation as well as of the new.

Jonadab, the founder of the Rechabite family, was concerned about the lifestyle of his descendants even after his departure. So, he strictly commanded them regarding the kind of life they should live throughout the future generations. Thus, the successive generations faithfully followed his instructions.

This is an important point to consider. Do we have a concern for the spiritual welfare of the next generation? It is with this perspective that we are focusing on our **‘Concern for the Coming Generations’** in our main article. The six important things Joshua did for the victorious future of Israel are instructive and exemplary.

At the same time, we continue to explore the lessons on victorious life from the book of Joshua. The **‘Steps to Victory’** found in Joshua chapter one is fundamental and practical.

Bro. Enoch Reuben Muniah continues with his reflections on the **‘Creation and Creator’**, emphasising the authority and accuracy of the word of God.

**‘Characteristics of a Victorious Man’** is a six-point sermon outline based on Nehemiah’s life. Though it is brief, it was a challenging message by Bro. Vinoji Samuel from Malawi.

In the news & views section, we have included a brief report of the present state of God’s people in India that should inspire saints to intercede for this land.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement. May the Lord’s name be glorified.

Sincerely,

**NTK**

# CONCERN FOR THE COMING GENERATIONS

**T**he farewell addresses of Moses as well as Joshua are rich sources of instructions for a victorious life, especially for a new generation. Both, with deep concern for the future of their people, spoke in detail before they departed from the scene (Deut. 31ff; Jos. 23, 24). They were conscious of their imminent death and the importance of imparting valuable spiritual insights for a final time.

There are many more such exhortations found in the scripture by godly men in view of their departure. Paul's talk with the Ephesian elders and the writings of Peter are noteworthy in this context (Acts 20:17ff; 2Peter 1:12–15).

But the classic passage, of course, is the upper room ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 13ff). Knowing it was time for Him to depart, Lord Jesus shared precious truths with His disciples to prepare them to face the troublesome days ahead. His intercessory prayer in John 17 reveals how much He cares for His own even while He is in glory.

Do we have this concern for the next generation? Have we ever considered the condition of our children or followers after our departure? Any leader how great



or smart he may be, must leave one day. It is wise to prepare the next generation accordingly.

## DIVINE CONCERN

Such concern for the coming generations can be noticed in the heart of God Himself. Our Lord is the God of the generations. His promises and covenants were for perpetual generations (Gen. 9:12; 17:7; Exo. 3:15, etc.).

That is why He always insisted that leaders and parents should pass on His demands and commandments to the generations to come (Deut. 4:10; 6:6, 7; 11:9; Joel 1:3, etc.).

Even the memorial feasts like Passover and the heap of stones as monuments in Canaan were all intended to be a testimony to their children in the days to come (Exo. 12:14; 13:14; Lev. 23:43; Jos. 4:21, 22).

## INDIFFERENCE ILLUSTRATED

King Hezekiah's view of the future of his people is the best example of the insensitive and selfish attitude of man. When the prophet Isaiah informs Hezekiah of the Babylonian invasion after his death, his response was, 'Good... at least there will be peace and truth in my days' (Isa. 39:8).

Is it not irresponsibility and a lack of concern towards the next generation? Isaiah was responding to Hezekiah's foolishness. He showed all the treasures and possessions to the visiting Babylonian emissaries against God's will (Isa. 39:4). Yet he was satisfied because during his lifetime, there would be no foreign invasion.



Even today, such leaders can be seen. They are shortsighted and self-centred. Their only concern is their own position and well-being; no thought whatsoever for those who follow them.

Such leaders never prepare the younger generation for the work of the Lord. They just hold on to their positions till their last breath.

## CONCERN DISPLAYED



Notice the 6 ways in which Joshua demonstrated his burden for the future of Israel.

### 1. He stepped down in time for others to take over (Josh. 19:50; 23:1)

After conquering and dividing the land for the people of Israel, we understand he retired from active ministry. For around 20 long years, he lived in Mt. Ephraim without much involvement in the administrative matters.

It is strange to see many, even when too old and weak, refusing to allow the younger generation to take up the responsibilities. They may be sincere and zealous, but knowingly or unknowingly they are harming the future generation.

### 2. He reminded the people of their past (Josh. 23:3, 14; 24:2–13)

In both farewell messages, Joshua begins by recalling their past. He emphasised four things:

- Their humble beginning (Josh. 24:2, 3).
- God's mighty works for them (Josh. 23:3, 9; 24:7, 8)
- God's gracious dealings with them (24:3–12).
- God's gracious provisions for them (23:14b; 24:13).

Joshua wanted them never to forget these realities related to their past. Moses also did the same thing (Deut. 8:2, 11, 14, 18). Even God Himself called upon Judah to look back (Isa. 51:1, 2).

For it is this remembrance of the past that makes one humble, grateful, and confident before God. Also, such ones will be gracious and merciful to others, for they are conscious of the abundant grace received.

### **3. He reiterated the divine requirements (24:14).**

Soon after reminding them of the past, Joshua presents the most important demands from the Lord, “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served....” (24:14).

Even earlier also through Moses, the Lord had instructed them to teach God’s Word to their children (Deut 6: 6–8; 11: 19, 20, etc.).

In Psalm 78, Asaph writes about his determination to pass on the divine truths he learnt from forefathers to the next generation. And his purpose is that they may continue to trust the Lord and walk in His ways and not be stubborn and rebellious. Further, they may also pass on to the coming generations (Psa. 78:2–8).

Consider our concern for the next generation in this aspect. What efforts have we taken to pass on our spiritual convictions and principles to our children? It is not enough to have a concern only for their secular life and progress, but let’s spend time, energy, and

resources on their spiritual development too. Making every effort, we ought to place scripture in the heart and mind of the new generation.

### **4. He urged them to make a clear decision (Jos. 24:15).**

For the post-modern society, there is nothing absolute. Many prefer to take a neutral position on everything. But Joshua wanted them to choose then and there itself. Because knowing the Word is not enough; willingly and wholeheartedly, they need to yield to the truth of God’s Word.

Earlier, Moses also made a similar call, “Whoever is on the LORD’s side - come to me” (Exo. 32:26). It is not easy to come forward standing for the truth, but that is what God expects from His people; He will use only such for His purposes.

Remember, indecision is also a decision to follow something else. Do not simply assume our children will automatically follow the truth as the days go by.

Even among the leadership, there is a lack of conviction nowadays. Political correctness and popular perception compel them to stay neutral.

Such half-hearted commitment to the things of God is as good as a double standard and hypocrisy. God hates such a response to His Word. We ought to be clear and firm about the truth that we hold and stand for.



### 5. He set a challenging example before the people (Jos. 24:15)

The burden for the next generation should prompt us to present the right pattern. Children pay attention to our lives more than what we say. Without being examples, all our efforts to teach go waste.

Paul often exhorted his followers to emulate him as he follows the Lord (1Cor. 4:16; 11:1; 1Thes. 1:6, etc.). Peter exhorts elders to lead by example (1Peter 5:3).

Remember, all of us tend to imitate people who are close to us. Any wrong example by the older generation will influence and lead the younger generation onto the wrong path. That is why Paul instructs the people of God to examine and shun the wrong influencers (Phil. 3:17, 18; 1Thess. 4:11, 14, etc.).

### 6. He warned them against failure and consequences (Jos. 23:15, 16; 24:19–20)

Joshua did not hesitate to tell them about the outcome of repeated rebellion. Even when they promised to serve the Lord in response to his words, he continued to highlight their inherent weakness in obeying God absolutely (Josh. 24:18, 19).

## FAILED GENERATION

Even though the people of Israel confessed their commitment to follow the Lord at any cost and even made a covenant that day, (24:20–25), we see in the book of Judges a new generation who neither knew God nor His works (Judg. 2:10).

That means, despite Joshua's concern and efforts, many others of the older generation failed miserably in fulfilling their duties towards the new generation. And the outcome of this failure is unfolded and recorded in the pages that follow.



Look at the present scenario among the people of God. A new generation is ignorant of even the basic Bible doctrines. Increased broken lives and families. Confused and complacent church members. Apathetic and indifferent leadership. The same scenario of the period of Judges, “everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judg. 21:25b).

Is it not high time to examine our perspective for the coming generations, if the Lord tarries? Before too late, let us consider seriously how effectively we can influence and guide our next generation for the Lord!

**G&P**



# CHARACTERISTICS OF A VICTORIOUS MAN

*(From the life of Nehemiah)*

1. **Victorious man is a prayerful man (Neh 1:4; 2:4 etc)**
  - ⊙ He prayed regularly, steadfastly, and earnestly.
2. **Victorious man is a man of action (Neh 2:5ff)**
  - ⊙ Prayer and desire not enough, need to act.
  - ▶ He decided to go and get involved.
3. **Victorious man is a man who delegates responsibilities, (Neh 3:1ff)**
  - ⊙ Nehemiah worked as a team like Christ, Paul etc.
  - ⊙ Without training and mentoring a new generation, ministry dies with the worker.
  - ▶ Use the opportunity.
4. **Victorious man is one who faces challenges (Neh 4: 1ff)**
  - ⊙ They were vigilant against the enemy.
  - ▶ It is waste talking to the enemy of the gospel.
5. **Victorious man is a generous man (Neh 5: 14 – 19)**
  - ⊙ He was not stingy, used his own money for the work.
  - ▶ Work of the Lord demands such sacrifice.
6. **Victorious man is an intercessor (Neh 6:9, 14; 13:14, 22 etc.)**
  - ⊙ Godly men like Elijah, Daniel were great intercessors.
  - ▶ That shows their love for the people

# CREATION AND ITS CREATOR

(Part 4)

## AUTHORITY AND VERACITY

**O**n creation of light, God made the stars also. God, in His majestic splendour and grandeur, flung myriads of stars into space. They shine and twinkle with God's smile of approval.

In Psalm 147:4 we read, "He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them by their names". He can measure the oceans in the hollow of His hand and collect the dust of the earth in a basket (Isa. 40:12). Awesome! What a mighty God we serve. We catch a glimpse of this complex craftsmanship when God speaks to Job about things beyond our understanding. God asks Job, "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation"? "Who marked off its dimensions"? "Who stretched a measuring line across it"?

This glimpse of creation's magnitude causes us to wonder at Earth's mighty oceans bowing before the One who 'shut-up' the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb... who said, "This far you may come and no farther" (Job 38:4-11). With the use of acoustic astronomy, scientists can observe and listen to the sounds and pulses of space. They have



found that stars do not just orbit in silence in the mysterious night sky but rather generate music.

Much like whale sounds, the resonance of stars exists wavelengths or frequencies that may not be heard by the human ear. Yet, the music of the stars and whales and other creatures combine to create a symphony that proclaims the greatness of God.

Job is reminded by God of His grand design of the world. "Who laid its corner stone – while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy"? (Job 38:5-7).

In an attempt to harmonize Biblical chronology, Thomas Chalmers conjured up a theory known as the 'Gap Theory'. It is also now referred to by theologians as

the ‘ruin-and- reconstruction theory’ or the ‘pre-Adamic cataclysm theory’. Proponents of this theory believe, that there were millions, if not billions of years between verse 1 and verse 2 of Genesis chapter 1. That would be an argument from silence; there is no definitive or conclusive proof. It is just a baseless argument emerging from the shades of obscurity. The “Gap theory” is not only impossible scientifically but also destructive theologically.



## BIG BANG VERSUS BIG GOD

Reference has also been made to a ‘Big Bang’ theory and that too, would be an argument from silence; it is mere conjecture. This theory argues that the universe originated in a great explosion billions of years ago. This is based on the hypothesis that according to the law of thermodynamics, the universe is rapidly expanding and continues to expand. Global warming perhaps, resulting in irregular climate patterns? The buzz word these days is, “climate change”.

Some years ago, renowned scientists, astrophysicists, and cosmologists, represented by varied countries around

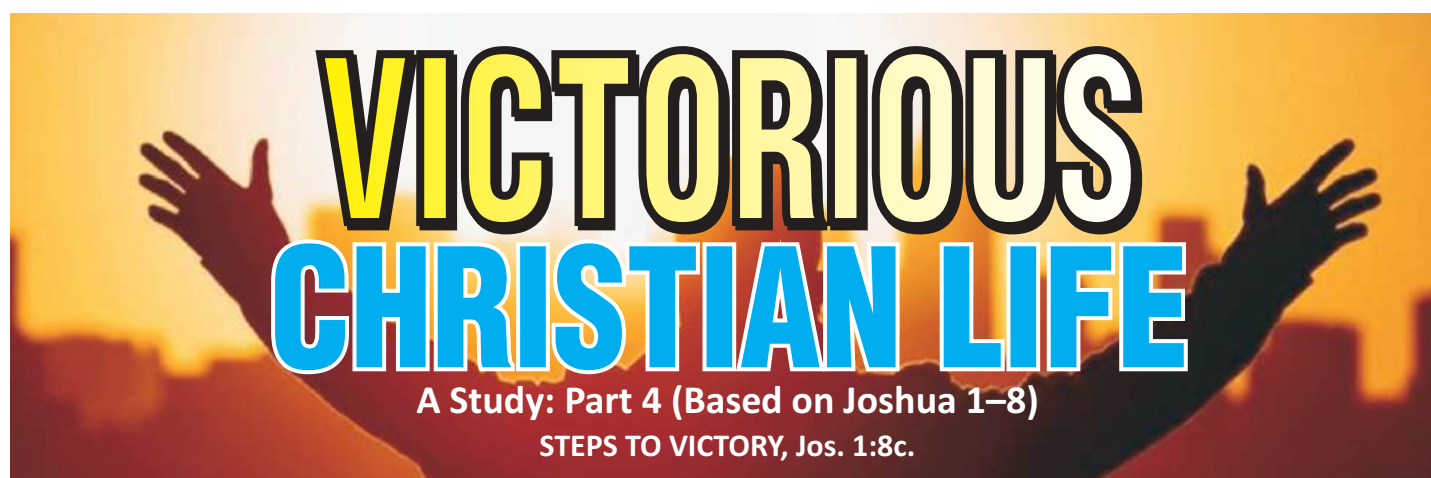
the world (India included) attempted to replicate the ‘Big Bang’. They built what was called a Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Geneva, Switzerland between 1998 and 2008.

It was the world’s biggest and most powerful particle (proton) accelerator. It was a giant circular tunnel that ran for 27 kilometres and was anything between 100 to 175 meters below the ground. It weighed about 38,000 tons at a staggering cost of 4,75 billion dollars.

The particle accelerator was two proton beams in a high-density magnetic field pumped with helium gases travelling at the speed of light. These beams travelling in opposite directions at such incredible speed were guided around the accelerator rings by a strong magnetic field maintained by superconducting electromagnetism. At some point the proton beams with the helium would collide, causing a “Big Bang.” All of this was engineered with the greatest of precision and with enormous costs but failed to prove anything.

This is again, another example of man’s quest for what lies beyond the unknown, provoked by irresistible intrigue. It is ironic that man is mesmerized, utterly bewildered, bamboozled, even gob-smacked by science but mystified by the simplicity of the gospel. The gospel is profoundly simple and simply profound.

**G&P**  
*(To be continued...)*



*Review:*

**W**e have seen the meaning and importance of a victorious Christian life. We have discovered that it should be the natural state of a believer's life because of what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for him. Yet, not all believers enjoy victory in their practical lives because they fail in meeting their part.

However, some think we have nothing to do other than believe. Yes, that is true about our salvation; He has done everything. But to grow and be victors in practical Christian life, we ought to fulfil our obligations. Then alone we shall virtually enjoy our spiritual inheritance in Christ.

We cannot be passive spectators to God's plan and promises. A dream and hope are not enough for success! It is time for instant products and provisions. In just a click or two, you might have what you desire within minutes, but not victory. As someone has well observed, 'Only in a dictionary you find 'success', before 'work.'

Success in any sphere of life is the result of sustained and dedicated work, faithfully discharging one's duties over a period.

Here, the Lord presents several steps that the people of Israel should take before they experience victory, not only to cross over the river Jordan but throughout the promised land (1:8c).

**1. Act by faith, "Tread upon" (V.3)**

By faith, they must act upon God's Word and claim what has been promised to them. So should we, more than mere words, resolutions, or thoughts of victory, take a step by faith. That is what Apostle Paul says in Rom. 8:37; 1 Cor. 2:14; 15:57; Phil. 4:13, etc. – claim victory in Christ. This is a personal appropriation of victory in Christ.

Remember, it's Christ's death that qualifies us to be accepted in the Beloved, not our worthiness (Eph 1:7). So, our action cannot cancel God's work for us. If we fail, we should immediately confess and find cleansing (1Jn 1:9; Pro 24:16). To do that, faith is necessary.

No wonder John says, “this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith” (1Jn 5:4).

## One step at a time!

As we take courageous, continuous, and bold steps, trusting in the Lord, He will show us a new place to keep our feet (Exo.23:29, 30). In His sovereign will and purposes, the Lord allows victory little by little. So, whatever may be before us, let us take a step now. If we hesitate to take that small step today, we shall never experience victory at all.

## 2. Think Biblically, “Meditate on it day and night” (v.8)

“This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth; that you shall meditate on it day and night.”

## What is mediation?

Biblical meditation is different from what is associated with some traditional physical exercises. It is pondering over the Word of God repeatedly in our minds till it becomes part of our lives. Thus, the truth is fixed firmly in our memory, and we digest it to make it our own life.

The outcome of consistent meditation is far-reaching. Not only do we begin to understand God’s mind, but we also begin to think biblically. Thus, our thoughts become God’s thoughts (Phil 4:8). In fact, it is in our mind – imaginations – where we must fight our battles first (James 1:14–15; Matt. 5:21, 22, 27, 28). When our thoughts are divine, we can easily win over temptations (2Cor. 10:5; Psa. 119:11).



Meditation also leads to enlarged faith and zeal (Psa. 39:3; Rom. 10:17; Jer. 23:29). Our new nature being strengthened, we become more spiritual and fruitful (Gal. 5:16, 17; Rom. 13:14).

Without a regular meditation on God’s Word, there can be no true progress or practical godliness (Josh. 1:8). Of course, it is not easy; much time and effort are needed, but it pays eternal dividends.

## 3. Be strong and courageous (Vs. 6, 7, 9b).



Thrice the Lord refers to ‘strength and courage,’ vs. 6, 7, and 9. Fear is the result of sin. In spiritual life and service, fear can paralyse us, for it

prevents us from trusting and obeying God’s Word.

A believer should not fear anything but God (Isa. 8:13). To fight the Lord’s battle, fear should not have a place in his heart. A fearful leader will only make fearful followers (I Sam. 13:7). David’s courage was reproduced in his mighty men.

## What makes one strong?

The only basis for a believer's strength is the ever-abiding presence of God (V.9c; 2Chro.32:7). It is through the meditation of the law that Joshua will have to experience the presence of God. It is true of us, too. Meditation on the Word of God reveals His presence and manifold promises. That will make us stronger and courageous (1John 2:14; Col. 3:16).

### 4. Keep the Word, *"Observe to do according to all that is written"*(v.8)

Obedience should be a natural outcome of meditation and spiritual strength (v. 7). The purpose of learning should be to obey, and it should not be partially as Saul did but fully (1 Sam. 16:20-22). As we obey, He teaches new things to us (John 7:17; Pro. 4:18).

Remember, it may not be easy for us to do as the Lord says. That is why we need divine strength and courage, as mentioned earlier.

Notice, *"then you will make your way prosperous .... Success,"* Only then! Without absolute obedience to God's Word, we can never even imagine a victorious Christian life.

However, there is also a word of caution, *"Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left,"* (v.7). Not to go to extreme positions while keeping God's Word faithfully.

### 5. Self-discipline

All the above steps demand self-discipline. Without discipline, Joshua cannot meditate on the Word day and night and

obey it without failure. So, even though it's not explicitly mentioned here in this passage, as we discuss the steps to success, we cannot skip this aspect, as it is implied here.



John MacArthur says, "Self-discipline may be defined as the ability to regulate one's conduct by principle and sound judgment rather than by impulse, desire or social custom."

A disciplined person knows their priorities and is willing to sacrifice the less important for the better one. He is well-organised, redeems time, and keeps promises. He is teachable and ready to change if needed (Pro. 15:31, 32).

Only when we are disciplined, we find enough time to fulfil God's will in our lives. If not, little things eat up our time and life (Song 2:15).

These steps are very much valid for New Testament believers too.



## Victory for all, Jos 1: 10—18

Not only Joshua, but all should reach Canaan. God's proposed victory and possession is not for a few individuals only, but every child of God should experience it. In the normal race, only one gets the prize, but Paul exhorts that we all can win. That is why saints are exhorted to 'run in such a way ... to win.' Notice how Paul carefully dealt with the passions of his body so that he would not be disqualified (1 Cor. 9:24-27).

Notice what Joshua did to make everybody move forward triumphantly. He begins to prepare the people just as the Lord prepared Joshua with those promises and exhortations (1:10-15). A prepared leader alone can prepare people to act.

Notice the five essential elements to help others succeed:

- a. *Visitation, "Pass through" (v.11; cf. Acts 20:20).*
- b. *Encouraging words of hope (v.11).*
- c. *Clear communication (V.13 cf. Num 32:20-29).*
- d. *Involvement (V. 14).*
- e. *Support (Vs. 15-18).*



They are more than ready to do whatever Joshua commands. In the wilderness, they never responded like this. When such an attitude was shown by the people, surely victory was guaranteed.

More than ever, today we need this attitude, supporting and helping one another for the fulfilment of the purposes of God. Where there is such unity of Spirit, the Lord showers His blessings upon them (Ps. 133).

### Conclusion

The Lord is calling us to go forward and prosper. All of us need to lead a victorious spiritual life. The Lord Himself outlines the vital steps to be taken for that. Twice the Lord says, 'You will have good success.' Victory is God's promise, desire for us, our birthright – in Christ. But we have responsibilities. We should live accordingly.

Trusting in His promises, let us fulfil our responsibilities and enjoy a higher spiritual life.

**G&P**

*(To be continued...)*

***"We will not hide them from their children,  
telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord.  
And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done."***

*Asaph (Psalm 78:4)*

# UNPRECEDENTED ANIMOSITY AGAINST CHRISTIANS

Christians in India are facing unparalleled hostility all over the country. Ever since the present government came to power in the centre, the anti-gospel elements have been emboldened to attack Christian missionaries using every method possible, even abusing government offices.

## Arrest of Nuns

The recent arrest of two Nuns on a fabricated case in the state of Chhattisgarh attracted headlines around the world. Thus, they got bail after nine days. At the same time, similar arrests and illegal detention of pastors and believers take place daily in different parts of the country, but are not even reported by the mainstream media. Demolition of church buildings and prayer halls has been taking place regularly on the pretext of legality.

## Strictest Anti-Conversion Law

Meanwhile, the Government of Maharashtra is preparing to enact the strictest law against conversion within six months. The minister said this law prohibiting religious conversion will be similar to those in Pakistan, Iran, and the UAE, etc. Among the twelve other Indian states that have already legislated anti-conversion laws, the law of UP was considered to be the strictest so far.



On August 15, as the country was celebrating Independence Day, many Christians all over the country conducted special prayers with fasting for true freedom and peace in this land.

## Cry out today

May the Lord God Almighty stir up the hearts of Christ-lovers in India and elsewhere to be conscious of the present scenario and be on their knees for this land, her people, and the leaders.

The words of Mordecai to Esther are relevant even today,

“Do not think in your heart that you will escape.....if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4: 14).

Our Lord is still on the throne. As history testifies, even this difficult period for the church in India today will be for the good of His people tomorrow. Pray that the people of God may continue to stand for the Lord Jesus and His Word. May the Lord’s name be glorified. **G&P**

NTK



## An Exemplary JOSEPH

He planned to put her away secretly  
As an upright man, he kept her testimony  
Before acting upon his choice  
He was more obedient to God's voice

It was a walk of faith and shame  
Bearing Christ's reproach, his solemn aim  
A faithful husband, pure to his virgin wife  
He displays an exemplary, self-disciplined life

Obedient once to the heavenly dream  
His life, thereafter, sacrificed to this theme  
Visions of courage, warnings to flee  
From Bethlehem to Egypt, to Nazareth of Galilee

By kings and kingdoms, pursued all his life  
But he waits for God's visions, living with strife  
God's word must be fulfilled, in life or death  
He lived for it, traversing length, and breadth

An upright and obedient Joseph before us  
May we, like him, fulfil God's Word, fearless

# LOST SON



**R**aymond Maufrais, a young explorer, tried to travel to Brazil from Guyana on foot, taking a route through one of the least known areas of the world. For a time, regular news was received from him until he disappeared without a trace. Convinced that his son was still alive, his father decided to go in search of him. For nine long years, disregarding all obstacles, dangers, and difficulties, he searched for him in desperation.

Through the depths of the virgin forests, on the mountain tops, he went calling out his son's name at every opportunity. He cut his name in the bark of trees and left several messages in bottles. Completely overwhelmed by the desire to find his son, he disregarded hunger and thirst and the constant threat to his life from native tribes, wild beasts, and snakes.

Finally, ruined, broken-hearted and aged with grief, he gave up and returned home. "Leave me alone," he said to those who praised him for his courage, "I'm just a poor man who has lost his son."

Source: Unknown



***"You may not agree with the traditions of others,  
but are you as devoted God's  
Word as they are to their traditions?"***

*Warren W. Wiersbe*

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