



Standing at Our Jordan, A Time Transition
Joshua 3:1-5
Part 2
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INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!

Exodus 19:10-13

English Standard Version (ESV)

tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying,

‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot with an arrow whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.”

But that was not all. In their concertation, the people of Israel were **to expect God to work a miracle.** They were to be eager, absorbed by a sense of wonder. Israel was not to lose sight of their God who can do the incredible and the humanly impossible.¹

Let’s Look Back at our text Joshua 3, One thing I want to point out. And that is the word” KNOW”

In v. 4, the Israelites would **“know”** the right way to go as a result of their keeping their distance from the ark. In v. 7, they would also **“know”** that God was with Joshua, as a result of God’s exalting him on that day, (See also Joshua 4:14). Also in v. 10, they would **“know”** that God was with them, as a result of his driving out the various Canaanite peoples before them.²

To KNOW is to be aware of the truth or factuality (the nature of fact; real; actual) of: be convinced or certain of: to have a practical understanding of...

WE HAVE TO “KNOW”

GREATNESS OF GOD... “HE IS ABLE”

God’s nature, deeds and attributes are incomparable, for which he deserves all praise.

Jeremiah 10:6

6 There is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and great is Your name in might.

The Abundance Of God - A state of plenty.

- The abundance of divine power**
- The abundance of divine grace**
- The abundance of God’s future blessing**

Certainty - A sure knowledge or conviction that **what is believed is true and trustworthy.**

THEREFORE, I/WE KNOW AND WE...

- Expect It
- Believe It
- Receive It

THAT OUR GOD IS.... GREATER!!!

I. Consecration - Joshua 3:5

The setting apart of people, things, times or places as sacred, for God to use.

Note Joshua 7:10-13 (vs.13 is in your notes)

¹ Donald K. Campbell, “Joshua,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 333–334.
² David M. Howard Jr., *Joshua*, vol. 5, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1998), 122.

Joshua 7:13

Expanded Bible (EXB)

¹³“Now go! ·Make the people holy [Consecrate the people]. Tell them, ‘Set yourselves apart to the LORD [Consecrate yourselves] for tomorrow. The LORD, the God of Israel, says ·some of you are keeping things he commanded you to destroy [there are ban/devoted, dedicated things among you, Israel!]. You will never ·defeat [stand before] your enemies until you ·throw away those things
[remove the devoted, dedicated, ban things from among you].

Word Defined – “Ban” – Note Joshua 6:16-17*; 7:1

officially or legally prohibit: "he was banned from driving for a year" ·
prohibit · forbid · veto · proscribe · disallow · outlaw ·

A. Consecration is the requirement of a Holy God

Leviticus 20:7–8 (NASB)

7 ‘You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. 8 ‘You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

B. The importance of personal consecration

Romans 6:13 (NASB) —

13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

C. Inward consecration to God is symbolized by outward cleansing

D. Special consecration is marked by a vow - the Nazirite vow - See Numbers 6:8-11

E. The consecration of things

1) Altars Temple, Tabernacle - Exodus 29:36–37; 30:29

F. The use of oil in consecration

Exodus 40:9–11 (NASB) —

9 “Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its furnishings; and it shall be holy. 10 “You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, and the altar shall be most holy. 11 “You shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it.

Leviticus 8:11–12 (NASB) —

11 He sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. 12 Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

1) Offerings - Exodus 28:38; 29:27; Leviticus 22:2; 2 Chronicles 30:17

2) Garments – Exodus 28:3; 29:21; 40:13; Numbers 15:39–40

G. Certain places are consecrated

1) The Tent of Meeting

2) The Tabernacle

3) The Temple

H. Certain times are specially consecrated

1) The Year of Jubilee - Leviticus 25:10

2) The Sabbath: - Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:8; 20:11; Deuteronomy 5:12

I. The consecration of daily life

1 Timothy 4:4–5 (NASB) —

4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; 5 for it is sanctified by means of the Word of God and prayer.

J. Consecration as preparation for work and worship – Joshua 3:5; 7:13

CLOSING – Joshua 3:5 - Before Our Crossing We MUSTTrue Consecration is; Sanctification, Dedication, Hallowing, it is setting ourselves apart in expectation for a great work of God in our lives and around the camp.

NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, COME TO JESUS...NOW!