Healing Message: Three Conditions for Prosperity

Scripture: Joshua 1:1–9

Scripture Reading

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Introduction

In today's passage, God speaks of three conditions. This is a well-known and vital text—precise, simple, yet absolute.

1. **The Fundamental Problem:** Leaving God, sin, and the problem of Satan are our fundamental issues. How do we solve them? There is only one way.
2. **Only the Covenant:** God works within and through His Word. The Covenant is the blood of Christ. While there are many promises, the entire Bible explains this. Within the "Word" (the Bible) lies the "Covenant" (the core promise), such as Genesis 3:15. While the Bible contains many stories, the Covenant is the heart within those stories.
3. **Possessing "My Word":** A person who holds "My Word" (God's Word made personal) can not only solve but conquer fundamental problems. When you hold the pulpit message each week, you conquer these problems. By praying over the "Watchtower, Journey, and Guidepost," the old habits and natures (engravings, roots, lifestyle) lose their power. When the Word becomes *your* Word, it becomes a watchtower that conquers all.

How do we prosper? Verses 7 and 8 emphasize that you will be "prosperous and successful" wherever you go. Here are the three conditions:

Main Points

1. Meditate Day and Night (Verse 8)

- **Keep it on your lips:** This means always speaking and dwelling on the Word.
- **Obey and act:** In the past, people felt burdened by the Law (the Ten Commandments). However, without spiritual strength, you cannot keep it. But when you have the Gospel, you gain spiritual strength that naturally allows you to conquer the Law. It is no longer a burden.
- **Do not turn left or right (Verse 7):** Do not look around at idols; focus only on the path God has set. If your heart is set on this, it is not difficult. This is our prayer topic and our spiritual battlefield.
- **Psalm 1:2:** This mirrors Joshua 1:8—the blessed man delights in the Law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night.

2. The Land of Canaan (Vision/Mission)

- **Arise and go:** God told Joshua to cross the Jordan. Unlike at Kadesh Barnea where the people refused to go, God promised success *if* they went.
- **The Land is given:** Every place you set your foot is already yours. Even if some don't want to go, God will conquer all obstacles in the wilderness because they *must* go.
- **The Internal Watchtower:** More important than the act of going is having the Covenant inside you. When God's desire becomes your 100% desire, it becomes an "Absolute Watchtower." Then, miracles happen that go beyond mere prosperity—you become unstoppable.
- **The Scope of Conquest:** God promised a vast territory—from the wilderness to the Mediterranean and the Euphrates. To conquer this, two conditions were met: the Blood of the Lamb (Passover) and the walk toward Canaan. These are the same conditions for us today.

3. God Goes With You (Immanuel)

- **Unbeatable life (Verse 5):** No one will be able to stand against you all your life.
- **Lifelong Victory:** "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you."
- **God’s Enablement (Verse 6):** "I will lead these people to inherit..." God is the one who brings it to pass.
- **Universal Presence (Verse 9):** Wherever you go, the Lord is with you. Prosperity follows automatically when God is present.

Conclusion

1. **Live Word-Centered:** Without the Word, prayer becomes self-centered. We must receive what God wants to do through us through His Word. When "My Word" enters a person, fundamental problems and Satan lose their grip. Even if unbelief arises, it will crumble quickly if the Covenant is rooted.
2. **Possess a Mission for Canaan:** Without a mission, people live however they want. You might be a child of God and go to heaven, but you cannot experience Biblical evangelism without His Word and Mission. We must "connect" with God's heart to witness His living power.
3. **Deep Grace in Prayer:** I pray that you experience deep healing and grace today through prayer.

Hold this Covenant in your heart today.

Prayer: Father, thank You for this precious Word. Make us those who meditate on Your Word, whose hearts beat for Your desires, and who enjoy the blessing of Your presence. Bless all the saints at the Friday service and all ICSC members abundantly. In Jesus' name, Amen.