

**Title: Prepare to Inherit**  
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### **Joshua 1:11**

<sup>11</sup> And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, 'Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

### **Three preparations:**

#### **1. Be strong**

##### **Joshua 1:7, 9**

<sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

##### **Hebrews 10:38-39**

<sup>38</sup> Now, "the Just shall live by faith. But if he draws back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those withdrawing to destruction, but of those who believe to the preserving of the soul.

#### **2. Cleanse yourself**

##### **Joshua 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

##### **Hebrews 12:14**

<sup>14</sup> Follow peace with all, and holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord.

#### **3. Circumcise yourself**

##### **Joshua 5:2**

<sup>2</sup> At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel..."

##### **Isaiah 29:13**

<sup>13</sup> ...this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me...

##### **Joel 2:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> ...return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.

### **Jesus the Cleanser and Purifier**

#### **Malachi 3:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

### Three preparations:

1. Courage to obey
2. Purity in conduct
3. Circumcision of heart

#### Genesis 13:17

<sup>17</sup> Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.

### A generation of worshippers

#### Psalm 24:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.