Despite the atrociousness of it, Satan really does have little cause to fear most preaching. Most preaching in the modern church is completely devoid of unction. Pastors are too busy playing golf or racquetball to bother spending time on their knees.

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE WARFARE THAT IS COMING AND NOW IS? A LOOK AT THE LIFE OF JOSHUA

I have no doubt that First Love Ministries has an anointing and a calling from God to prepare believers who are part of the remnant company of the Last Days for the end of the age, which we are almost certainly entering in during these days. I believe that the Lord is shaking what can be shaken and beginning this in the body of Christ. He is moving people in and out of ministries for His divine purposes and strategically placing His mighty warriors in position for the epic battles of the Last Days. Surely some of you have already felt the attack of the wicked one against the will and purposes of God for your life. Tonight we need a refreshing, a release from dead works, which have brought little or no fruit and a vision or prophetic oracle from the Living God.

JOSHUA: A TYPE OF ENDTIME WARRIOR

As a Son: Joshua, whose name means *Jehovah is Salvation,* was the son of Nun, and of the tribe of Ephraim. There is no doubt that Joshua's parents feared God, that he was an obedient son, and that he continued in the godly ways of his parents. Tonight I want to ask you, "Are you honoring your father and mother? Are you obedient, if you are still in their household, to them? Unless they are counseling you to do something immoral and unbiblical, you are wrong if you are not submitting to their authority.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

As a Slave: Joshua was born during the years that the Pharaoh of Egypt held God's people in bondage. He knew what it was to suffer and to be given almost impossible tasks to complete. Are you willing to be a bond slave for Jesus Christ? If not, you will never be part of the Remnant

Company of the Last Days. The Book of Revelation was written to the bond-slaves of Jesus Christ. Paul and Timothy (Philippines 1:1), James, the Lord's half brother (Matt 13:55; Mark 6:3, Gal 1:19) (James 1:1), and Simon Peter (2nd Peter 1:1) identified themselves as bond-slaves to Christ. The term used in the Greek is *doulos.* This is the most servile term in the New Testament. A bond-slave was one that had been freed but chose to stay with their master. These men surrendered all their rights and loved their Master so much that they were devoted to Him to the total disregard of their own interests. They had no rights and were bond to the Master unto death.

Bond-slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eye- service, as men-pleasers, but as bond-slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
Ephesians 6:5-6

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life, which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
Galatians 2:20

Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.
1st Timothy 6:1

As a Soldier: Joshua was gifted as a military strategist. In fact generals throughout the ages have studies his military strategies. Yet through his leadership in 3 major military campaigns involving over 30 enemy armies, Joshua taught the Israelites a simple lesson: Victory comes through faith in God and obedience to His word, rather through military might or numerical superiority.

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
2nd Timothy 2:3-5

As One Submitted to Authority: Joshua defeated the Amalekites and was a great war hero. Yet he kept himself as a man under authority and gave

unswerving loyalty and devotion to Moses and was even called the *servant of Moses* (Numbers 11:28 and Joshua 1:1).

Authority is one of the most unpopular words of our times. Everyone wants to do his own thing. I am convinced, however, that most of the problems we have are directly related to disobedience to authority. Authority is like an umbrella of protection. When we are not under authority (the umbrella), we expose ourselves to unnecessary temptations (the rain) which are too strong for us to overcome. This is why Scripture compares rebellion to witchcraft (1st Samuel 15:23).

According to Bill Gothard, the only discussion between Jesus and his parents that is recorded between when he was two and thirty years old is a discussion, which involved authority. This occurred when he was twelve. Should He follow His spiritual calling and be about His Father's business (Luke 2:49), or should He become subject to His parents and leave His ministry at the temple? He did the latter, and the following verse reports, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17

As a Man of Faith: Joshua, along with eleven others, was selected to spy out the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:1-6). It was at this time that Moses changed Joshua's name from Oshea, meaning *help,* to Joshua, meaning *God's help* or *salvation.* All the other spies, except Joshua and Caleb, came back with a negative report. They were looking at circumstances. Joshua and Caleb were believing God. All the people sided with the ten spies. The Lord was so offended by this lack of faith that He caused the 10 spies to die of the plague and He made the Israelites wonder in the wilderness for 40 years until all the Israelites who were 20 years old and older had died except for Caleb and Joshua (Numbers 14).

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2nd Corinthians 5:7

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.

1st John 5:4

Fight the good fight of faith…
1st Timothy 6:12

As a Leader: Joshua was *called out* by the Lord Himself and named by Moses (Deuteronomy 31:14-23) to take over at the death of Moses and, at about 85 years of age, to lead the Israelites across the Jordan into the Promised Land, Canaan, where the Israelites were to go in and possess the land and slay the giants.

But He answered and said, ***"Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.***
Matthew 15:13-14

Lack of Leadership
In those days there was no king [leader] *in Israel: everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*
Judges 21:25

As One who loved the Lord: The Bible tells us that Joshua was filled with the Spirit of God (Deuteronomy 34:9), that he enjoyed the presence of God (Joshua 1:5 & 6:27), that he was indwelt by the word of God (Joshua 1:8), and that he was ever obedient to the will of God (Numbers 32:12; Joshua 5:14). Herbert Lockyer says of this saint, "*No wonder his death at 110 years of age was universally acknowledged! The brief but noble epitaph of the historian is eloquent with meaning, 'before Joshua, the servant of the Lord.' Dead, he could yet speak, for the nation continued to serve the Lord all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua."*

If you love Me, keep My commandments.
John 14:15

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28

Nevertheless I have this against you that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place-unless you repent.
Revelation 2:4

THE JOSHUA GENERATION

There is something very significant about the generation of believers on the earth today. The last generation (which I believe is being birthed on the earth during this period we live) is called the Benjamin Generation. Herbert Lockyer tells us, "Benjamin was the last, the bravest and the best-beloved tribe of all the tribes of Israel," and reminds us that his tribe was given the holy city, Jerusalem (Joshua 18:28). The Benjamin generation will walk in a 5 fold blessing and anointing and will be the generation that does the greater works. If this is all true about Benjamin, then I think it reasonable to think that the present generation from young people to older believers is the Joshua Generation. This generation will come out of Egypt (the materialistic and sensuous world system, emphasizing wealth and sex), cross the Jordan, which types dying to self, slay the giants (i.e. anything such as abortion, sex trafficking, illegal drugs, and pornography, religion, sexual perversions of all kinds, and governmental systems such as communism, etc), and enter into the promises and blessings of God typed by Canaan*, the promise land.* Of course we will not walk in the fullness of all this until Jesus comes to set-up His millennial Kingdom of the earth. But, it is extremely important that we engage in warfare NOW, and make His enemies His footstool (Psalm 110:1, Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Acts 2:35, Hebrews 1:13, Hebrews 10:13).

STUBBORN-PSALM 15
Michael English

There's a whole lot of stubborn in this room
There's a whole lot of pride that won't let go
There's a whole lot of stubborn in this room
That shows no sign of giving up control.
I've drawn all the curtains
I've turned out the lights
Scared to death somebody else might see
There's a whole lot of stubborn in this room
And there's no one here but me.

There's a whole lot of demons in this room
They want it all, and they don't wanna share
There's a whole lot of demons in this room
And none of them believe in fighting fair
Some sit on my left
Some sit on my right
They talk so loud it's hard to disagree
I'm surrounded by the demons in this room
And there's no one here but me.

I can't quite remember how to pray anymore
I can't quite remember what to say anymore
If it turns out I can't have my way anymore
Will I know which way to turn when I walk out the door?

There's a molecule of faith in this room
What they used to call a mustard seed
There's a molecule of faith in this room
And a book that says that's all I ever need
I don't know where it is, but I hope to find it soon
Cause nothing else will ever set me free
There's a molecule of faith in this room
And even though it's much too small to see
If I have the courage to believe
I'll find the one who left it here for me.