

# **“We Need to Be Reminded”**

## **Josh. 3:9-13**

### Introduction

- I. It has often, and correctly, been said that he who forgets the past is doomed to repeat it.
- II. God understands the need for men to be reminded (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-11).
- III. We should appreciate those things that have been done for us, and we should never forget that the blessings come from God (James 1:17).

### Discussion

- I. Early in Joshua's time as the physical leader of Israel, God determined to show to Israel that He was with Joshua (Josh. 3:7; cf. 4:14).
  - A. Much needed to be accomplished by the nation of Israel.
    - i. This involved preparation (Josh. 3:1-6; cf. Exo. 19:10-14; cf. Josh. 4:11-13).
    - ii. We should learn to be prepared before we start (1 Pet. 3:15; Luke 14:28).
  - B. There were going to be battles and difficulties while taking the land (Josh. 3:9-10).
  - C. The miracle of the crossing of the Jordan River was the indicator that God was with Israel (Josh. 3:11-17).
- II. After the crossing of the Jordan River, God commanded that a memorial be made to recall the great thing that He had done for Israel (Josh. 4:1-9).
  - A. It only takes one generation to become ignorant of the past.
  - B. Memorials help to bring to remembrance and educate on past events (Josh. 4:20-24; cf. Exo. 12:12-27; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).
  - C. So many people today are ignorant of the past, and as such, they make similar mistakes to the people of old (Psm. 103:2).

### Conclusion

- I. It is good to be reminded of those things that happened before.
- II. Even if we have heard it over and over again, we should never allow ourselves to become forgetful (2 Tim. 2:2).