

YOUTH WORSHIP

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Text: Numbers 27:12-23

Title: "A man in whom is the Spirit"

INTRODUCTION

1. Spiritual leadership
 - a. Crucial in leading the people of God
 - b. Vital in the continuity of God's work and plan
2. The choice of the spiritual leader
 - a. Important
 - b. Affects all

THE CONCLUSION OF MOSES' MINISTRY

1. Moses as the leader of Israel
 - a. Chosen by God Exodus 3
 - b. Moses' leadership of the people of Israel
 - i. Led them out of Egypt and throughout the wilderness journey
 - ii. Received and taught the people the commandments of God
 - iii. Oversaw the building of the Tabernacle
 - iv. Dealing with problems that arose
2. The conclusion of Moses' ministry
 - a. Initiated by God
 - b. Moses to go up to Mount Abarim Numbers 27:12-13
 - i. This would be the conclusion of Moses' ministry as leader of Israel
 - ii. He would see but not enter the Promised Land
 - iii. He would soon be gathered to his people

- c. Reason for not entering the Promised Land Numbers 27:14
 - i. Moses had rebelled against God's command in the Wilderness of Zin
cf. Numbers 20:1-13
 - ii. The consequence for this act of disobedience was Moses not being
allowed to enter into the Promised Land

THE PRAYER OF MOSES

- 1. Moses' humility
 - a. He humbly accepted the consequences of his sin
 - b. He would be obedient to God's Word
- 2. Moses' heart of a shepherd
 - a. He chose to pray for the people
 - b. That they would have a new leader to lead them
- 3. Moses' prayer Numbers 27:15-17
 - a. For the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh
 - b. To set a man over the congregation
 - i. Who may go out before them and go in before them
 - ii. Who may lead them out and bring them in
 - c. That the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no
shepherd

THE INAUGURATION OF JOSHUA AS THE NEXT LEADER

- 1. God's response to the prayer of Moses Numbers 27:18-21
 - a. Joshua the son of Nun was named and set apart to lead
 - b. There were others who were faithful

- i. Caleb who with Joshua, followed the LORD fully Numbers 14:24
 - ii. Eleazar who had been serving faithfully as high priest after Aaron
Numbers 20:28
 - iii. Phinehas who was zealous for the LORD Numbers 25:10-11
 - c. But Joshua was selected as leader
 - i. Because he distinctively had the Spirit of God in his life
 - ii. He was “a man in whom was the Spirit” Numbers 27:18
- 2. Appreciating how Joshua became one in whom was the Spirit
 - a. Took courage and led the physical battle against Amalek whilst Moses prayed
Exodus 17
 - b. Served faithfully and humbly as Moses’ assistant Exodus 24:13
 - c. Devotion to the LORD’s work and did not depart from the Tabernacle as he
waited for Moses Exodus 33:11
 - d. Loyalty to Moses and honoured him as the spiritual leader Numbers 11:28
 - e. Faith in the LORD’s promises (alongside Caleb) Numbers 13-14
- 3. The inauguration of Joshua
 - a. God’s Word to Moses Numbers 27:18-21
 - i. To lay his hand on Joshua
 - ii. To set Joshua before Eleazar the priest and the congregation and to
inaugurate him publicly
 - iii. To give some (not all) of his authority to Joshua
 - iv. Joshua would need to stand before Eleazar the priest who will
inquire before the LORD for him
 - v. Joshua would need to lead the people in accordance to the LORD’s
Word

b. Moses did all that the LORD commanded him

Numbers 27:22-23

IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT WE MUST LEARN

1. Spiritual leadership
 - a. It begins and concludes with God's choosing
 - b. A most important and necessary qualification for spiritual leadership – to have the Spirit of God in one's life
 - c. Important principles of spiritual leadership
 - i. Accountability to God and His servants
 - ii. Obedience to the Word of the God
 - iii. Some authority may be given at the beginning, but one would need to prove oneself
2. Our challenge as young people
 - a. To be concerned about the spiritual leadership in the Church
 - b. To pray for the spiritual leadership for the Church
 - c. To rise up to the challenge of spiritual leadership in time to come
 - i. In God's time and choosing
 - ii. Would the Spirit of God be in you?