Introduction

- 1. Moses was a great man of God, but he sinned at Kadesh (Num. 20:1-13)
 - a. Moses did not cross over the Jordan because of this (Dt. 3:23-27)
 - b. A new leader was selected to take over for Moses (Dt. 3:28)
- 2. Joshua, also known as Hoshea (Num. 13:16), is our next example of reverence
 - a. Joshua, a captain of courage
 - b. Joshua's covenant with Israel

I. Joshua, a Captain of Courage

- 1. We are first introduced to Joshua at the battle against Amalek (Ex. 17:8-13)
 - a. Moses selected Joshua to choose out some men and fight the enemy (<u>Ex.</u> <u>17:9</u>)
 - b. Joshua did exactly what Moses asked him to do (Ex. 17:10)
 - c. No trace of being afraid to do battle with the enemy (2 Tim. 1:7)
- 2. Joshua was one of the twelve spies sent to spy out the land of Canaan (Num. 13:1-16)
 - a. Only Joshua and Caleb showed courage (Num. 13:26-14:9)
 - b. Only Joshua and Caleb would go into the land of Canaan numbered twenty years old and above (Num. 14:26-30; cf. Num. 26:65)
- 3. Joshua was selected as Moses' successor to lead the people of Israel (Num. 27:18-23)
 - a. Joshua was charged by Moses to be courageous after Moses charged Israel to be courageous (<u>Dt. 31:1-8</u>, <u>23</u>)
 - b. God charged Joshua to be courageous (<u>Jos. 1:1-9</u>)
 - i. The people were with Joshua (Jos. 1:10-18)
- 4. Joshua led the conquest of Canaan
 - a. After Israel crossed the Jordan river, twelve stones were taken from the midst of the river as a memorial (<u>Jos. 4</u>)
 - i. The LORD exalted Joshua so that they feared him as they did Moses (Jos. 4:14)
 - ii. These stones were to inform the Israelite children of this momentous event and that they may fear the LORD forever (Jos. 4:21-24)

- b. The Commander of the LORD's army showed up by Jericho (Jos. 5:13-15)
- c. After Jericho and Ai had been taken, Joshua renewed the covenant (<u>Jos.</u> 8:30-35)
- d. The sun stood still, and the moon stopped (Jos. 10:1-15)
 - i. The LORD is not going to listen to anyone who does not fear Him (<u>Pr. 28:9</u>; <u>1 Pt. 3:12</u>; <u>Jn. 9:31</u>)
- 5. God gave Israel all the promised land (Jos. 21:43-45)
 - a. Not waiting on the land promise to be fulfilled today!

II. Joshua's Covenant with Israel

- 1. Joshua reminded the people of what God did for them (Jos. 24:1-13)
 - a. Joshua required the people to fear the LORD (Jos. 24:14)
 - b. Joshua had already made up his mind to do so (Jos. 24:15)
- 2. The people willed to serve the LORD (Jos. 24:16-18)
 - a. Joshua reminded them of who God is (<u>Jos. 24:19-20</u>)
- 3. The people chose God (<u>Jos. 24:21-22</u>)
 - a. It required putting away idols and bowing [inclining] the heart to God (Jos. 24:23-24)
- 4. The covenant was made (<u>Jos. 24:25</u>)
 - a. The words were recorded, and a large stone acted as witness (<u>Jos. 24:26-28</u>)
 - b. The people served the LORD all the days of Joshua and the elders that outlived Joshua (<u>Judg. 2:7</u>)

Conclusion

- 1. Joshua is a great example of reverence
 - a. He was a captain of courage
 - b. His covenant with Israel resulted in them serving the LORD even after his death