

Sermon Notes – January 14, 2018
The Preparation of a Godly Leader (*Exodus 17*)

Before we dive into the book of Joshua, it is imperative that we learn the lessons that Joshua learned before he was placed into a leadership role over the people of God. Anyone who wishes to be used of God must have the experiences of preparation.

- I. Tolerance is not a virtue. (*Exodus 17*)
 - A. God will not tolerate rebellion against Himself.
 - B. War was being made against the throne of God.

- II. True power is not of man, but of God.
 - A. The rod of Moses was in fact the rod of God.
 - B. We participate, fight and remain involved, but God gives the victory.

- III. There is a time for godly anger. (*Exodus 32*)
 - A. The moral breakdown of God's people is serious.
 - B. The misuse of God's name is serious.

- IV. The glory of God is real. (*Exodus 33; Numbers 11*)
 - A. God exists, and He guides His people.
 - B. God's glory must always come first.

- V. Stand with God, even against the majority. (*13, 14*)
 - A. Rebelling against God is worse than rebelling against a faithless majority.
(*Numbers 14:30*)
 - B. Courage believes God's promises and rejects man's opinions.

- VI. Spiritual leadership comes from God, not man. (*Numbers 26, 27*)
 - A. God chooses leaders.
 - B. God affirms leaders.