

Joshua 3:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

Analysis

The instruction for priests to 'stand still in Jordan' required faith to step into flooding river before waters parted. Obedience precedes miracle.

Historical Context

This verse appears in the Jordan crossing narrative, one of Joshua's most significant events demonstrating God's power and faithfulness in bringing Israel into the Promised Land.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
2. What application does this truth have for your walk with Christ today?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת הַ	תְּצַוֶּה	אֶת	הַכֹּהֲנִים י	וְנָשְׂא י	אֶרֶן
H859	And thou shalt command	H853	the priests	that bear	the ark
	H6680		H3548	H5375	H727
הַבְּרִית	לֵאמֹר	כִּבְּאֹכֶם	עַד	קֵצָה	מֵי
of the covenant	saying	When ye are come	H5704	to the brink	of the water
H1285	H559	H935		H7097	H4325
בַּיַּרְדֵּן	בַּיַּרְדֵּן	תַּעֲמִידוּ:			
in Jordan	in Jordan	ye shall stand still			
H3383	H3383	H5975			

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 3:3 (Covenant): And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

Joshua 3:17 (Covenant): And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.