

ENTERING OUR POSSESSION - II

Joshua 1:10-11

I. THE PROMISE

II. THE POSSESSION

III. LET US NOT FAIL TO ENTER IN BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF (Heb.4)

- A. *"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." (v.1)*
- B. *"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." (v.2)*
 - 1. The importance of faith.
 - 2. Hearing and acting upon the Word of God.
- C. *"Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief;..." (v.6)*
- D. *"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." (v.10)*
 - 1. Resting confidently in His accomplished work.
 - 2. We need to quit "trying to do things in our own might or power."
- E. *"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (v.11)*

IV. PREPARING TO ENTER IN (Josh. 3:5)

- A. Sanctify yourselves.
- B. "For tomorrow the Lord will do wonders."
- C. When you see the ark of the covenant.
 - 1. We need to be where the presence of the Lord is.
 - a. If your presence go not with us, we will not go up.
 - b. In your presence is fulness of joy.
 - 2. Ye shall remove from your place, and go after it (pursue it).

V. COME HITHER AND HEAR THE WORDS OF THE LORD.

- A. Time to hear the Word of the Lord.
- B. Know the living God is among you.
- C. Without fail will drive out the inhabitants of the land.
- D. Behold the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

VI. OVERCOMING ALL OBSTACLES TO POSSESS THE LAND.

- A.
- B. Jordan overflowed its banks during harvest.
 - 1. There seems to be obstacles looming right before possession.
 - a. Facing the obstacles of overflowed banks.
 - b. "When you pass through the waters they won't overflow you."

- c. Waters can also represent the overflowing of the spirit (life).
- C. Can come to the brink and never step in.
 - 1. Can sit and wish or hope something will happen.
 - 2. Time to set some goals and take some positive steps of faith.
- D. Significance of crossing over at harvesttime.
 - 1. Harvesttime the time of the reward.
 - 2. Everything before, including sowing and cultivating, points toward the harvest.
 - 3. Represents the consummation of all our labors.

VII. POSSESSION NOT JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE.

- A. Reuben, Gad, half tribe of Manasseh
 - 1. Lord given you rest; and this land.
 - 2. Wives and children remain; you must cross over to help your brethren fight (evidently they didn't need to fight to gain their inheritance).
- B. "All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go."

VIII. GOD AGAIN RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH ISRAEL.

- A. Circumcise again the children of Israel (those born in the wilderness who knew nothing of the struggles and blessings of deliverance in Egypt.)
 - 1. Our responsibility to the second generation.
 - 2. Every generation needs a visitation from God (Otherwise, could lose second generation).
- B. Take 12 stones out of Jordan to set up as memorial.
 - 1. When children shall ask, what means these stones: "Israel came over this Jordan on dry land."
 - 2. That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord is mighty.
 - 3. That you might fear the Lord your God forever.
 - 4. *"And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you." (Jos. 5:9)*