

POSSESSING THE LAND - III

Is. 57:13; Ps. 37:

1. THE ROLE OF FAITH AND TRUST IN POSSESSION
2. TRUST AND CONFIDENCE
 1. Trust - "A firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability, justice, etc. of another person or thing; faith; reliance; confident expectation, anticipation, or hope.
 2. Confidence - "A firm belief; trust; reliance. The fact of being or feeling certain; assurance."
 1. Confidence is boldness, faith, trust.
 2. Confidence in His ability to perform.
 3. Confidence is knowing he will give us the desires of our heart when we delight in Him.
3. WHY DO WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ANOTHER?
 1. Because that other person has earned it.
 2. God is trustworthy
 1. His Word is true.
 2. He is faithful--He has never failed me yet.
 3. He loves us.
 1. He has our best interests at heart.
 2. He wants what is best for us.
4. TO WHOM OR IN WHAT IS OUR CONFIDENCE?
 1. Can't trust unregenerate man.
 1. *"Cursed is the man that trusteth in man...(Jer. 17:5).*
 2. *"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the*

flesh..."

3. *"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool..."*
2. Can't trust the world - *"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord."* (Is. 31:1).
3. Can't trust riches or possessions.
 1. Pr. 11:28 - *"He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."*
 2. Mk. 10:24 - *"Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!"*.
 3. I Tim. 6:17 - *"Charge them that are rich in this world,*
 1. That they be not highminded,
 2. Nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy,
 3. That they do good,
 4. That they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;
 5. Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."
4. Our confidence is toward GOD.
 1. Ps. 118:8 - *"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."*
 2. Pr. 3:5 - *"Trust int he Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."*
5. CONFIDENCE HAS GREAT RECOMPENSE OF REWARD
 1. *"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great*

recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

2. Rewards of confidence.

1. Peace - *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."*

2. Happiness - *"Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." (Pr. 16:20).*

3. Safety and protection.

1. *"The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." (Pr. 29:25).*

2. *"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." (Ps. 56:3).*

3. *"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." (Pr. 30:5).*

6. HOW TO HAVE CONFIDENCE TOWARD GOD

1. If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

2. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.