

Possess Your Possessions

Chapter 10

Audio Lesson: Old Testament Survey lesson 24



Objective: to understand how God leads His people into the things He has promised them.



“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

—Joshua 1:7-8

The book of Joshua in some ways is the opposite of the Book of Numbers. Numbers is a story of unbelief in which the Hebrew people perished as a consequence of their lack of faith. The whole land had been given to Israel but they did not yet possess it because they failed to trust God. The book of Joshua is all about faith, the kind of faith that conquers and possesses all that God wills for His people.

That is the way it is with our spiritual blessings. There are many spiritual blessings that are available to us today: prayer, Scripture itself, fellowship, worship—God gives them all to every believer. But some believers possess those spiritual blessings—make the spiritual blessings their own—and some do not. The key is very practical. You have to set your foot upon them. You possess prayer by praying, you possess worship by worshipping, and you possess the Scripture when you read it, understand it, and apply it. You possess your spiritual possessions one spiritual step at a time.

In Joshua we find 16 great illustrations of faith. Faith must be very important to God because the purpose of the entire book of Joshua is to show us how to live by faith and walk by faith into all the spiritual blessings He has given us.

The relationship between Moses and Joshua is a great model of the kind of relationship that is so very important in preparing leaders for work of God. Joshua was a man of strength, loyalty, and great faith.



1. True or false? At first, the Hebrew people did not have the faith to enter the Promised Land.
2. True or false? Moses did an excellent job of training a successor.
3. True or false? The name of Jesus comes from the name of Joshua.

Unless otherwise noted, choose one answer for each question.

4. What is the key to experiencing deliverance?
 - a. Ask
 - b. Believe
 - c. Obey
 - d. Work
5. What is the key to experiencing the Promised Land?
 - a. Ask
 - b. Believe
 - c. Obey
 - d. Work
6. How does the book of Joshua compare to the book of Numbers?
 - a. Both are about the faith of God's people.
 - b. God's people are faithless in both books.
 - c. Numbers is about faith, and Joshua is about unbelief.
 - d. Joshua is about faith, and Numbers is about unbelief.
7. How did Joshua get most of his revelation from God?
 - a. By going up on Mount Sinai like Moses did
 - b. By meeting God face to face in the tabernacle
 - c. By learning and meditating on God's written word.
 - d. By meeting with angels every day

8. The book of Joshua tells us about God's blessings and how His people can enter those blessings. What New Testament book has a similar theme?
- Hebrews
 - Ephesians
 - Jude
 - Galatians
9. How can we possess our blessings?
- By going on a pilgrimage to the Promised Land
 - By working really hard for them
 - By asking God for them
 - By dwelling in Christ by faith
10. When are our blessings given to us?
- They are already available.
 - When we have earned enough good points
 - In our next life
 - In heaven
11. In Joshua, we find 16 great illustrations of _____.
- The Law
 - War strategy
 - Disobedience
 - Faith
12. When God wants to give us a blessing, whether it is the Promised Land or salvation in Christ, what is our part in receiving it?
- We do not have to do anything except wait for it.
 - We have to go get it on our own.
 - We receive His blessings in faith.
 - We have to learn the secret from a priest.
13. What is the purpose of our salvation in this life?
- To look forward to heaven.
 - To enter our "Canaan" in this life too.
 - To be completely detached from this world.
 - To impress others with how good we are.
14. How much grace does God give us?
- He gives it abundantly.
 - He gives us barely enough.
 - He only gives it when we need it.
 - He gives only as much as we deserve.



Do you think you have missed any of God's promises for you? If so, what steps of faith can you take to enter your Promised Land?



Tell God that you want to be a man or woman of great faith. Ask Him to lead you into new territory and to give you the courage to live boldly and confidently.



Going Deeper

1. Explain how the third verse of the book of Joshua, where it says, “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you...,” tells you how to possess your possessions, especially when you compare it to the third verse of Ephesians and the third verse of Second Peter. _____

2. Figuratively speaking, and by application, what is our Promised Land or Canaan? How do we possess it one step at a time? _____

3. What is the difference between the book of Joshua and the book of Numbers? Can you sum up each book with one word that shows the difference between these two books? _____

4. What is the concept that is demonstrated sixteen times in the book of Joshua? _____

5. Explain why God would do this, and how this is a key to reading this book while looking for devotional and practical truth that you can apply to your life. _____

6. What are some examples of the spiritual possessions you must set foot on, one step at a time, in your personal Canaan? _____

7. According to Ephesians 1:3 and 2 Peter 1:3, where are those spiritual blessings or possessions? _____
