

POSSESSING OUR LAND – 2
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INTRODUCTION

God's place of rest for Adam was Eden; for Israel was Canaan's Land; for the believer is Christ. Israel's journey from Egypt to Canaan's land is a type of our journey out of the world to our possessions in Christ. Under Moses, we discover failure, under Joshua, we discover success.

REVIEW:

1. What we don't possess will possess us.
2. The land is already ours.
3. Don't fear the size of the enemy.
4. Don't listen to the lies of the enemy.
5. Give no ground to the enemy.

CONTINUE:

6. Transformation is a process that takes time. **EXODUS 23:29-30**
 - A. God got them out of slavery, but couldn't get the slavery mentality out of them. **ROMANS 12:1-2**
 - B. Paul's comments on the journey – three divisions of **1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 (ESV)**
 - The same privileges: cloud, sea, baptism, food, drink – Christ. We all have the same privileges, blessings and promises.
 - God wasn't pleased with most of them. Idolatry, immorality, testing Christ, grumbling.
 - God limits our temptation. He makes a way for us to overcome. It's not how we start, but how we finish that counts. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27**
7. Get rid of what offends God. **JOSHUA 7:1**
 - A. Achan disobeyed God by taking some of the spoils of war from Jericho. His sin cost the lives of 36 soldiers and jeopardized the safety of the entire nation. The nation was defiled.
 - B. Achan stole from God. The gold and silver was to be added to the treasury of the Lord, but Achan kept it for himself.
 - C. Achan didn't repent and avail himself to God's mercy. **JOSHUA 7:13 (ESV)** Sin prevents us from standing before the enemy.
8. Don't let anger cause us to make wrong decisions. **NUMBERS 20:11-12**
 - A. Moses out of anger hit the rock twice instead of speaking to it and was judged for his disobedience.
 - B. Controlling our emotions is another key to success.
9. Age is not a factor.
 - A. David was younger. **1 SAMUEL 17:33**
 - B. Caleb was older. **JOSHUA 14:10-12**
10. Stand our ground. **2 SAMUEL 23:11-12**
 - A. There comes a time when we decide to stand, and not back down. The Philistines attacked the bean field during harvest to kill the workers and destroy their crops. While everyone ran for their lives, Shammah took a stand to defend the ground. He was successful because of Jehovah Nissi.
 - B. **EPHESIANS 6:12-14a** – We too must stand our ground against the enemy. Why?
 - Satan comes to destroy our harvest of blessings.
 - If we don't stand, we will give up ground.
 - Our blessings are worth defending fervently.
 - God is looking for us to hold our ground. **EPHESIANS 6:10**
 - When we stand with God, He stands with us. **2 CHRONICLES 16:9**