

POSSESSING OUR LAND
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DEUTERONOMY 26:1

INTRODUCTION: Between every promise and its fulfillment is a wilderness. How we act in the wilderness, determines whether or not we experience the promise. Under Moses, they acted in unbelief (**NUMBERS 14:28**, sums it up). Under Joshua, they acted in faith (**HEBREWS 11:30**, sums it up).

THREE STEPS TO CONSIDER

1. Come to the land.
 - A. The promised land isn't Heaven. It represents the victorious Christian life. There are no giants or walled cities to overcome in Heaven.
 - B. Coming to the land involves a revelation of our inheritance in Christ. **2 PETER 1:2-4** - In Him, we have covenant rights and privileges. We've been given all things pertaining to life and godliness.
 - C. **MATTHEW 11:28-30** – We must learn about what belongs to us before using our faith to possess it. Remember 2: **HOSEA 4:6?**
 - D. Victory is ours, deliverance, healing, help, strength, power, the kingdom and everything that pertains to it all belong to us.

2. Possess the land. This requires faith and patience. **HEBREWS 6:12**
 - A. **DEUTERONOMY 1:8** - Our land can be our marriage, children, emotion's finances, health, church, job, ministry, family, relationships, etc.
 - B. Some considerations:
 - We must know the land is ours. **JOSHUA 1:3**
 - We can't fear the size of the enemy. **JOSHUA 1:5, 2:8-11**
 - We can't let age be a factor. **1 SAMUEL 17:33-36** – David was young, **JOSHUA 14:6-13** – Caleb was 85 when he possessed the land.
 - We must control our emotions. **NUMBERS 20:9-11**
 - We must inquire of the Lord. **1 SAMUEL 23:1-2**
 - We must follow the Spirit's lead. **NUMBERS 9:21**
 - We must defend our ground. **2 SAMUEL 23:11-12**
 - We must use our weapons. David used a sling, Gideon used trumpets, clay pots, and lamps. Our weapons are mighty!

3. Dwell in the land. This involves perspective.
 - A. Looking back:
 - **EXODUS 13:3** – At our deliverance is acceptable.
 - **NUMBERS 21:5** – To Egypt is unacceptable. Slavery to them was what prison is to some today – a false sense of security. They had three hot meals a roof and bed.
 - B. Looking at “nevertheless” **NUMBERS 13:28-31**
 - We must not allow what we see to prevent us from experiencing what is rightfully ours.
 - C. Looking at the unseen is the right perspective! **HEBREWS 12:2**
 - The soul is elevated to a higher level of thinking by taking it from the cross to the throne where Christ is crowned victor over death, demons, devils and disease!
 - The cross is a place of execution, suffering and shame. He's not on the cross anymore!
 - The scepter is a rod of triumph, royal power and victory. Christ is master over all things in all realms.
 - Our faith is in His accomplishments, not ours.