



## POSSESSING THE LAND

P3 - Searching The Land

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### DEUTERONOMY 11:10-15

For the land which you go to possess *is* not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered *it* by foot, as a vegetable garden; <sup>11</sup> but the land which you cross over to possess *is* a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, <sup>12</sup> a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God *are* always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year. <sup>13</sup> 'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup> then I will give *you* the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. <sup>15</sup> And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'

### 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

### ROMANS 8:17

and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

## INTRODUCTION

We are looking at the characteristics of those who are "possessors" of all that we have inherited in Christ. We are looking at the 12 spy's that were sent in to the promised land for these characteristics. 2 of the 12 possessed all God intended for them.

Searchers  
 Rulers  
 Spirit of Faith  
 Not Easily Influenced by Others  
 Faith And Patience  
 Timing

The Spirit of Faith. (Encompasses the remaining aspects)

## NUMBER 1. See As God Sees.

### **NUMBERS 13:17-33**

Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, <sup>18</sup> and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it *are* strong or weak, few or many; <sup>19</sup> whether the land they dwell in *is* good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit *are* like camps or strongholds; <sup>20</sup> whether the land *is* rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes. <sup>21</sup> So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. <sup>22</sup> And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, *were* there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup> Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. *They also brought* some of the pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> The place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there. <sup>25</sup> And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. <sup>26</sup> Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. <sup>28</sup> Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." <sup>30</sup> Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we." <sup>32</sup> And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of

the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. <sup>33</sup> There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

- A. Mere insects - low opinion of self due to 400 years in slavery.
- B. First thing that must happen when we are born again (out of Egypt)
  - Is to get a new view of self. All our past experiences have produced
  - Our self image and worth. No longer slaves but Sons and Daughters.
- C. The blessing lies with those who see themselves correctly and act accordingly.

### **ROMANS 12:1-2**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### **JAMES 1:22-25**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

## NUMBER 2. Say What God Says. (different spirit)

NUMBER 14:24

- A. A confession based on faith. (I am giving it)

### **2 CORINTHIANS 4:13**

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

### **NUMBERS 13:2**

"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."

- B. A confession based on fear.

**NUMBERS 14:9**

Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord *is* with us. Do not fear them."

**2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

C. Fear comes from the negative self image of slavery.

**PROVERBS 28:1**

The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

D. You get what you say.

**NUMBERS 14:1-4**

So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup>And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup>Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

**NUMBERS 14:26-28**

And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup>"How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. <sup>28</sup>Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:

E. You will eventually get what you say.

**MARK 11:23**

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

**PROVERBS 18:21**

Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

### NUMBER 3. Stand Out From The Crowd.

- A. "Wholly followed the Lord, not the crowd who were so easily influenced by the evil report. "keep believing".

#### **NUMBERS 14:24**

But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

#### **LUKE 8:41-50**

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup>for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. <sup>43</sup>Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, <sup>44</sup>came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. <sup>45</sup>And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." <sup>47</sup>Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. <sup>48</sup>And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." <sup>49</sup>While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." <sup>50</sup>But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

- B. Parable of the Sower. 1 of 4 gets it all.

#### **LUKE 8:11-15**

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup>Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup>But the ones *that* fell on the good ground

are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

C. Following the Lord is walking in the truth of the Word.

**JOHN 8:30-32**

As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:7**

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

### NUMBER 3. Faith and Patience.

A. Remained alive

**NUMBERS 14:36-38**

Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, <sup>37</sup> those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the Lord. <sup>38</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

B. Patience is remaining the same under trial.

**HEBREWS 6:11-12**

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

C. Sometimes others can cause your progress to take more time.

D. Joshua and Caleb stayed on the Word.

**HEBREWS 10:35-36**

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

### NUMBER 4. Timing.

A. Your time will come for fulfillment.

**JOSHUA 14:6-13**

Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the Lord

said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. <sup>7</sup>I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart. <sup>8</sup>Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the <sup>(a)</sup>heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God. <sup>9</sup>So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' <sup>10</sup>And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel <sup>(b)</sup>wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup>As yet I *am as* strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. <sup>12</sup>Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the Lord *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said." <sup>13</sup>And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

B. He stayed faithful to God because he believed God would Keep His Word.

**1 PETER 5:6**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

## CONCLUSION

See as God sees, Say what God says, Stand out from the crowd, have patience, be ready to move when the time comes.