

Promise Land Possessing the Land

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Joshua 21:43-45 So the Lord gave Israel **all the land** he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. The Lord gave them **rest on every side**, just as he had sworn to their **ancestors**. **Not one of their enemies withstood them**; the Lord gave **all their enemies into their hands**. **Not one** of all the Lord's good **promises to Israel failed**; everyone was **fulfilled**.

Joshua 5:2-3 At that time the Lord told Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise this **second generation** of Israelites." So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the **entire male population** of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.

Preparing Yourself to Possess the Promise:

- ✓ Keep cutting away certain things.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let **us** strip off every **weight** that slows us down, especially the **sin** that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

- ✓ Keep filling yourself with Jesus.

Joshua 5:10 While the Israelites were camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, **they celebrated Passover** on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month.

- ✓ Keep moving on.

Joshua 5:11-12 The very next day they began to eat unleavened bread and roasted grain harvested from the land. **No manna appeared** on the day they first **ate from the crops of the land**, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan.

What do you do when you have prepared to possess the promise, and you hit a wall?

1. You have to see what God sees.

Joshua 6:1-2 Now the gates of Jericho were **tightly shut** because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. **But the Lord said** to Joshua, "**I have given you Jericho**, its king, and all its strong warriors.

2. You have to say what God says.

Joshua 6:10-11 Do not shout; do not even talk,” Joshua commanded. “Not a single word from any of you until I tell you to shout. Then shout!” So the Ark of the Lord was carried around the town once that day, and then everyone returned to spend the night in the camp... On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the town as they had done before. But this time they went around the town seven times. The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the town!

3. Remember at every level, the first fruits of all our increase is always Gods.

Joshua 6:18-19 But keep away from the **devoted things**, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to **destruction and bring trouble on it**. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and **must go into his treasury**.

Walk Away: When it comes to receiving God’s promises, you may need to take one more lap of faith... It could be on the next lap you will see its fulfillment.