

## I. Introduction

A. **Numbers 13:30 (NKJV)** – *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.*

**Numbers 13:30 (NAB)** – *We ought to go up and seize the land for we can certainly prevail over it.*

**Numbers 13:30 (NET)** – *Let us go up and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.*

**Numbers 13:30 (Coverdale Bible of 1535)** – *Let us go up and conquer the land, for we are able to overcome it.*

**Numbers 13:30 (ISV)** – *Let us go up and take control because we can definitely conquer it.*

### 1. Words to recognize:

- a. Take
- b. Seize
- c. Occupy
- d. Conquer
- e. Take Control

### 2. What do these words have in common? ACTION!

### 3. To take possession is to take necessary action.

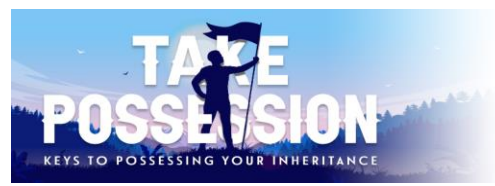
- a. God had already given the land to Israel.
- b. Cooperative action was required if they were going to possess it.

## B. Possess/Possession Defined

### 1. Possess is an action word

### 2. Original (Strong’s H3423) yarash-yarash

- a. To seize, dispossess, take possession of, inherit, disinherit, occupy



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- b. To take possession of
  - c. To inherit
  - d. To dispossess
  - e. To occupy – by driving out previous tenants and possessing their place
  - f. To expel without fail
  - g. To get or have it in your possession
- 3. To possess is to take action so that you will acquire and have something as your very own.**

**God gives it, but you have to possess it – make it your own. Take it or seize it to make it your very own.**

**4. Possession – (Noun)**

- a. **Genesis 17:8 (NKJV)** – *Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*
- b. **Possession = possession by inheritance – property**  
**Something seized that now becomes yours.**  
*The state of having or owning something.*  
*Having control of – or control over something*  
*You occupy it!*
- c. **It is possible to have a possession as yours – but not have occupancy. To occupy a possession that belongs to you, you must decide to possess it or occupy it.**

**Personal Example:** *A rental property is the possession of the landlord – however a renter is occupying/possessing the property for a season – until the landlord dispossess them and takes possession to occupy the property again.*

**C. Why this series?**

**God has provided many things for His children that are legally our possessions by inheritance but are not being possessed and occupied by us for our present benefit.**

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1. Salvation is available to all but not possessed of all.
2. Many benefits are provided for in our covenant of salvation, but not all are being possessed and enjoyed.
3. Just because it has been provided, does not mean that we automatically receive it.
4. Taking possession is a command!

### D. What does the Bible say about taking possession?

***Pastor's Note:** If the Lord has initiated a study on the subject of "Taking Possession," then He desires to speak to us about this subject. If the Lord desires to speak to us about this, there must be some things that we are not yet taking possession of, and He desires for us to have them.*

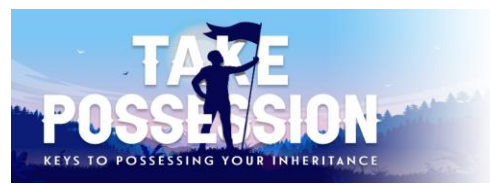
1. **Judges 2:6 (NKJV)** – *And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land.*

**Judges 2:6 (AMP)** – *They went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land.*

**Judges 2:6 (NET)** – *When Joshua dismissed the people, the Israelites went to their allotted portions of territory, intending to take possession of the land.*

### 2. Instructions for the Conquest of Canaan

**Numbers 33:50-53 (NKJV)** – <sup>50</sup>Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying, <sup>51</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, <sup>52</sup>then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high



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places; <sup>53</sup>*you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess*

- a. The Lord states, “I have given you the land to possess.”
  - b. To possess it, you must be willing to dispossess the former tenants.
  - c. There are some habits, routines, thought patterns, etc., that must be dispossessed from our lives if we are going to possess the abundant life that Jesus spoke of.
3. **Deuteronomy 1:8 (NKJV)** – *See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.’*

**Deuteronomy 1:8 (HCSB)** – *See, I have set the land before you. Enter and take possession of the land the LORD swore to give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their future descendants.’*

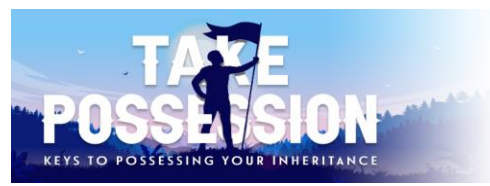
**There are many things the Lord has set before us that we must take action to enter and possess.**

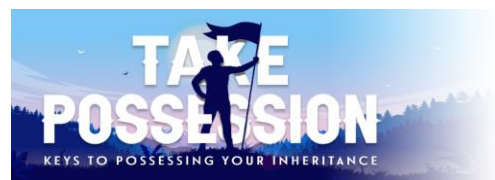
**Note:** *Just because it sits on the table doesn’t mean you enjoy it. You have to reach for it – taking it unto yourself if you are going to enjoy the benefit from it.*

4. **Deuteronomy 1:21 (NLT)** – *Look! He has placed the land in front of you. Go and occupy it as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Don’t be afraid! Don’t be discouraged!’*

Discouragement and fear will keep you from possessing what belongs to you.

5. **Deuteronomy 2:24-25 (NKJV)** – <sup>24</sup>*“Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle. <sup>25</sup>This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the*





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*report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.”*

Rise to action – the Lord is already working on your behalf.

6. **Deuteronomy 3:18 (NKJV)** – *“Then I commanded you at that time, saying: ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over **armed** before your brethren, the children of Israel.’”*

**Deuteronomy 3:22 (NKJV)** – *You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.*

- a. Although the Lord goes before you to fight on your behalf, you still need to cross over “ARMED.”
  - b. This may be compared to the new covenant in what Paul told us regarding being ARMED with the “*Whole armor of God*” in Ephesians. Christ fought and won the battle on our behalf, but we must still engage in the “*Good fight of faith*,” if we are going to take possession of everything that belongs to us.
7. **Deuteronomy 11:8 (NKJV)** – *Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess*

Following/obeying God’s word is key to having the strength and courage to possess your land.

8. **Joshua 13:1 (NKJV)** – *Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the LORD said to him: “You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed.*

With everything that you have already possessed being great, understand that there is much more to be possessed.

9. **Joshua 18:3 (NKJV)** – *Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: “How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you?”*
- a. How long before you possess what God says is yours?

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- b. God is not responsible for the delay, they were!
- c. God may not be responsible for your delay!

**II. Pastor's Closing Thoughts**

- A.** In the New Testament the emphasis is on "Inheritance".
- B.** Paul prayed for the churches in Ephesus to receive enlightenment and understanding of the riches and glory revealed in their inheritance.
- C.** In our new covenant, we must still possess what is ours by dispossessing the enemy from our lives by resisting the devil/standing having done all to stand/receiving by faith/etc.