

## I. Review

### A. The command to “Take Possession”

#### 1. Deut 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.’

### B. Possession Defined -

*To seize – to dispossess – To take possession of*

### C. Previous Sessions

#### 1. Dealing with opposition

#### 2. Dealing with personal giants

#### 3. Remember His Covenant

## II. Different Levels of Receiving

### A. Everyone doesn’t receive on the same level.

#### 1. Matt 13:22-23 NKJV

<sup>22</sup> Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

- a. **God makes the seed available to all**
- b. **The soil determines the harvest**
- c. **We are responsible for the soil of our heart.**

## 2. The Ten Lepers

### **Luke 17:11-19 KJV**

<sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

<sup>12</sup> And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

<sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

<sup>14</sup> And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

<sup>16</sup> And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

<sup>18</sup> There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

<sup>19</sup> And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole

- a. Nine were cleansed/healed as they went in obedience to the priest.
- b. One was made whole
- c. **Whole** = to save – keep safe and sound – to rescue from danger or destruction – to save a suffering one from perishing - one suffering from disease – to RESTORE to health – to PRESERVE from destruction
- d. Jesus made a distinction from what this one received and what the others received.  
*9 were cleansed*  
*1 was made whole*  
  
*WHOLE IS BETTER*
- e. It would be wonderful to be cleansed of leprosy.
- f. It would be better to be made whole – *restored fingers, toes, limbs, - whatever leprosy had stolen – was restored – MADE WHOLE.*

**B. What determines the level of receiving?**

**1. Wholeness requires whole heartedness**

- a. The leper that received wholeness returned – giving glory to God –
  - b. His action/faith was on a different level than the other nine.
  - c. The other nine were satisfied to be cleansed
  - d. The one who was made whole – put forth an extra effort to return in worship.
- 2. Those who go the extra mile will receive a different harvest.**
- 3. If we desire to experience wholeness – we must pursue God with our “WHOLE HEART.”** uy  
*Half- hearted serving doesn't produce a 100 fold harvest*  
*Half- heartedness – doesn't produce wholeness*

**C. Scriptures on whole- hearted living**

**1. Psalm 9:1 NKJV**

I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all Your marvelous work

**2. Psalm 111:1 NKJV**

I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,  
In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation

WHOLE HEART – *With my inner man – mind – will – understanding – thinking – reflection – memory- inclination – determination – conscience – the seat of my emotions – my appetites –*

**3. Psalm 119:2 NKJV**

Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,  
Who seek Him with the whole heart!

- a. Seek – seek with care – to inquire – to seek with a demand – to investigate – to practice - to study – to follow - to seek out –

**4. Psalm 119:10 NKJV**

With my whole heart I have sought You;  
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

**5. Psalm 119:34 NKJV**

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;  
Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart

- a. **Observe** – to keep it – to guard it – to watch over to protect – to retain as a treasure –

**D. Jesus brings wholeness**

**1. Woman with the issue of blood**

**Matt 9:21-22 KJV**

<sup>21</sup> For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

- a. She declared wholeness –
- b. She was willing to do whatever it took
- c. She was all in – whole heartedly seeking her healing.

## **2. Matt 14:34-36 KJV**

<sup>34</sup> And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

<sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

<sup>36</sup> And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

- a. Notice the effort to receive -  
*They spread the news -*  
*They brought unto him all that were diseased*  
*They were ALL IN - Whole heartedly in pursuit.*

### **CLOSING NOTE:**

***We determine how we will receive***

***We can give it an all out effort – whole hearted effort***

***OR we can be half hearted in our approach -***

***The harvest will be determined by our response.***