



Living In God's Promises: Possessing and Occupying Our Inheritance

Session 6: Dispossess the Enemy

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I. Introduction and Review

A. 2 Peter 1:2-4

NKJV "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Although the promises are given, we must **take possession** of what rightfully belongs to us. God is the PROMISOR. We are the POSSESSORS.*

1. Previous Session's Thoughts

- a. **PASSIVE faith doesn't work.** *A non-active approach relying on God to do it all.*
- b. **Taking possession requires AGGRESSIVE faith.** *A proactive, assertive approach.*
- c. **Aggressive faith gets after it and pursues everything God has promised.** *It refuses to be denied by the enemy.*
- d. **Old Testament saints had to TREAD upon the land.** *"Wherever the sole of your feet shall tread, this shall be your territory..."*
- e. **In the NEW Testament, those who pursue the kingdom receive the benefits.**

II. Dispossessing the Enemy

A. Numbers 33:51-53

NKJV "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 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 places; **you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land** and dwell in it, **for I have given you the land to possess**.'"

- B. "Dispossess"** = To take away someone's property or possession; the act of removing someone from their land, typically without their consent; **TO PUT OUT OF POSSESSION OR OCCUPANCY.**

MSG "...take over the land and make yourself at home in it. It's yours!"



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C. Other Scriptures on Dispossession

Deuteronomy 11:23 -25

NKJV "...then the Lord will drive out all these nations from before you, and **you will dispossess** greater and mightier nations than yourselves. Every place on which the **sole of your foot treads** shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand against you; the Lord your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you."

Deuteronomy 9:1-3

NKJV "Hear, O Israel: You *are* to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and *of whom* you heard *it said*, 'Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?' Therefore understand today that the Lord your God *is* He who goes over before you *as* a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you."

D. Why was this "dispossession" so significant? *Because there were OTHERS living in the land that God had promised to His people.*

1. It was God's will for them to inhabit and possess the land.
2. To have it they would have to "TAKE POSSESSION" by driving out everyone and everything that did not belong there.
3. The Good News: God says, "I will go before you to assure your victory and success!"

PASTOR'S NOTE: *This is a principle witnessed throughout scripture, where God's people had to GO / ACT / FIGHT only to see God move supernaturally on their behalf.*

- Gideon had to take 300 into battle.
- Jehoshaphat had to march forward, but God gave the victory.
- Jonathan and his armor bearer won a supernatural victory when they moved by faith to GO.
- The children of Israel had to march around Jerico for 7 days and SHOUT before one stone fell from the walls.

Yes, the children of Israel would have to go into the land to take possession, but God was going before them to assure them of complete victory!



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E. Dispossession carries over into the New Testament era.

1. Jesus came to dispossess the enemy.

a. 1 John 3:8

KJV "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Weymouth N.T. "...the Son of God appeared for the purpose of undoing the work of the Devil."

YLT "...that He might BREAK UP the works of the devil."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Whatever territory Satan had control of Jesus came to DESTROY / DEMOLISH / UNDO / ERADICATE those works. He came to DISPOSSESS the devil in your life.*

b. Genesis 3:15

NKJV "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

AMP "And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel."

c. Colossians 2:15

NKJV "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

NIV "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

AMP "When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross."

CEV "There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory."

GW "He stripped the rulers and authorities of their power."



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2. Jesus came and took away all the devil's authority and power against us!

However, we must now TAKE POSSESSION of the territory that he once held captive in our life.

- a. Satan has **NO PROPERTY RIGHTS!**
- b. He has no title or deed to any territory that has been assigned or given to you.
- c. If he is OCCUPYING any territory in your life, he is a **SQUATTER**.
- d. "Squatter" defined: A person who unlawfully occupies an uninhabited building or land.
- e. Unlike some of our liberal cities that have given "Squatter Rights" to those who move in illegally, **SATAN HAS BEEN GIVEN NO SQUATTER RIGHTS!**
- f. Although **Jesus** WON the VICTORY, I must go in and DISPOSSESS Satan wherever and whenever he attempts to hold on to territory that belongs to me.
- g. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**
NKJV "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ..."

AMPC "For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)..."
- h. "**Pulling down strongholds**" means I am **DISPOSSESSING** Satan from any area of my life where he has gained a stronghold.



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PASTOR'S NOTE: *A stronghold is an area in which the enemy thinks he is safe! It is usually an area or territory in which he has maintained control over a long period of time.*

I serve notice to the devil:

- ***YOU'RE NOT SAFE ANYWHERE!***
- *The Blood of Jesus reaches the deepest crevices where you may hide.*
- *The Name of Jesus holds authority in every dark place—even the shadows where you may feel secure.*
- *The Holy Spirit is shedding light on your every device.*
- *We are not ignorant of Satan's devices.*
- *I serve notice that I have been given authority to use the name of Jesus, and at that Name you must bow and flee.*

F. Arise and Dispossess the Enemy from Every Area of Your Life

1. Jesus gave us His authority.

Luke 10:19

NKJV "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

AMP "Listen carefully: I have given you authority [that you now possess] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and [the ability to exercise authority] over all the power of the enemy (Satan); and nothing will [in any way] harm you."

2. Jesus gave us the right to use His name.

Mark 16:17

KJV "And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils;** they shall speak with new tongues;"

CEV "By using My name they will force out demons"

GWT "They will use the power and authority of my name to force demons out of people."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *By making use of the NAME, the authority in that name DISPOSSESSES the devil. If they could dispossess devils from others, they could certainly run them out of their own territory!*



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3. Important things to know when dispossessing the enemy.

- a. You must know who you are.
- b. You must know your rights.
- c. You must be bold.
- d. You must know the Word of God and become skillful at using it.
- e. You must know how to stand (patiently enduring).
- f. You must become skillful at resisting. Resisting is an **ongoing process** that puts up **DAILY** resistance.
- g. You must not GIVE PLACE to the devil. It is possible to give him RIGHTS to stay put in your life. **CLOSE THE DOOR!**