



# Living in God's Promises: Possessing and Occupying Our Inheritance

## Session 7: Giants in the Land

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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 on 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.**

c. Dispossession was necessary because there were those who had already taken up residence in the land.

- *They had taken possession of this territory.*
- *They had been there a very long time.*
- *They had taken ownership and dominion in the land.*

d. Taking possession would mean that Israel had to displace—or **drive out**—everyone or everything that had previously taken ownership.



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- e. Change of **occupancy**—change of **ownership**—change of **dominion**.
- f. Jesus came to **destroy**—or break up—the works of the devil. Whatever territory Satan controlled, Jesus came to dispossess him from and **TAKE OVER** (change of dominion).
- g. Jesus gave us His **authority**, His **name**, and the right to **rule over** all the power of the enemy.

## II. Giants in the Land

### - Giants in Scripture / Characteristics of the Giants

#### 1. Genesis 6:4

**NKJV** “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown...”

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *There are many opinions regarding who these giants were and how they came to be. However, this isn't of relevance to the SPIRITUAL MESSAGE! Don't become distracted by things that are not relevant to the message.*

#### 2. What we DO know:

- a. Giants were **abnormal** in appearance, size, and strength.

##### **2 Samuel 21:19-20**

**NLT** “During another battle at Gob, Elhanan son of Jair from Bethlehem killed the brother of Goliath of Gath. The handle of his spear was **as thick as a weaver's beam!** In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants.”

**Message** “...the handle was as big as a flag pole...”

- b. Giants possessed amazing skill and ability in battle.



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- c. Dealing with giants required a **greater level** of skill and strength than dealing with other inhabitants of the land.
- d. Giants were **intimidating**.
- e. Giants were loud and boisterous (i.e. Goliath).

#### **1 Samuel 17:4-11**

**NLT** "Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. **Goliath stood and shouted a taunt** across to the Israelites. 'Why are you all coming out to fight?' he called. 'I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!' **When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.**"

*Giants shout threats. Giants shout reminders of how big they are and how small you are. The WORDS of giants have the potential to deeply shake you with fear and intimidation.*

- f. Giants **CAN** be **DEFEATED**.

#### **B. Strongholds are Giants**

##### **1. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

**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."



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### C. How Do You Defeat Giants? By saying and acting.

#### 1. 1 Samuel 17:42-47

NKJV “And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking. So the Philistine said to David, ‘Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?’ And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, ‘Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!’ **Then David said to the Philistine**, ‘You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know **that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands’.**”**

- a. This is how you take down “giants” (i.e. strongholds, things that are abnormally big, those things that are bigger than you, or too big for you to deal with by natural means).
- b. You **SAY** it first!
- c. When was David’s battle with Goliath won? When he **SAID IT!**
- d. By saying it, the angelic armies of God were employed and activated, hearkening to the **VOICE** of the **WORD**. David gave **VOICE** to the **COVENANT WORD** and, when he did, the giant—although still alive—was good as dead.
- e. When we put the Word of God **in our mouth / voice it**, the stronghold that has squatted on our life for years is as good as dead!

#### 2. Defy the **WORDS** of the giants:

- a. **1 Samuel 17:10** and **1 Samuel 17:25-26** use the word “**defy**” in reference to Goliath’s actions toward the armies of Israel.



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- b. “**Defy**” = to openly resist or refuse to obey.
  - c. Goliath was **defying**—that is, openly refusing to obey and resisting—by **SAYING**.
  - d. David **reversed** Goliath’s defiance by SAYING and DECLARING the will of God.
3. **Defy the strongholds in your life:**
- a. Never agree with strongholds by saying what they say. DO NOT **ECHO THE VOICE OF YOUR ENEMY**.
  - b. Say what **God** says.
  - c. Repeat what **God** says.
  - d. Jesus only said that which He heard **His Father** say.
  - e. “It is written...”
4. **How did Caleb deal with the giants?**
- a. **Joshua 14:6-12**  
NIV “Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, ‘You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.’ Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out



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to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said'."

b. **When** was Caleb's battle against the giants won?

- When he **SAID IT**: "...the Lord, helping me, I will drive them out just as He said"!

5. **Giants are defeated by faith. Strongholds are overcome by faith!**

a. Faith must SAY.

- **Matthew 17:20**

**NKJV** "So Jesus said to them, 'Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you'."

b. When you HAVE FAITH, you will say. If you are not saying, you don't even have faith as small as a mustard seed.

- **Mark 11:22-23**

**NKJV** "So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God. 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'."

- Notice, when you have **faith in God**, you will SAY to the mountain.

6. **Pastor Dale's personal giant: depression.**

a. I had to "arrest" depressive thoughts and SAY what God says.