



## I. Review

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

**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.*

### B. Possession Defined: *To seize – to dispossess – to take possession of*

### C. Previous Sessions

#### 1. Understanding the Need to Possess

#### 2. Dealing with Opposition

#### 3. Dealing with Personal Giants

## II. Remember His Covenant

**1 Chronicles 16:15-18 (NKJV)** – <sup>15</sup>*Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,* <sup>16</sup>*the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac,* <sup>17</sup>*and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel for an everlasting covenant,* <sup>18</sup>*saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance,”*

### A. Those who will possess their inheritance must remember His covenant.

### B. Remember = recall – call to mind – be mindful of – think on – to stir up one’s mind – to REMIND

#### 1. We must intentionally put our mind on His covenant.

#### 2. We must REMIND OURSELVES of His covenant with us.

### C. If we fail to remind ourselves of His covenant with us, we will forget.

1. What He has done.
2. What He said He will do.
- D. Not only will we forget, but we will allow fear to dominate over us and we will not have the spiritual strength to move forward to receive what is ours.

### III. What does the Bible say about remembering?

#### A. God Remembers

1. God remembered Abraham – Genesis 19:29
2. God remembered Rachel – Genesis 30:22
3. God remembers his covenant with Noah

**Genesis 9:15-16 (NKJV)** – <sup>15</sup>*and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.* <sup>16</sup>*The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.*

- a. God says, “I will remember my covenant.”
- b. The rainbow is not only for our remembrance of God’s promise, but it serves as a reminder to Him of his covenant with Noah.
- c. God takes covenant so seriously that He establishes things to serve as a constant reminder to Him and us of His promises.

4. **Psalm 98:3 (NKJV)** – *He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God*

**Psalm 105:8 (NKJV)** – *He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations*

**Psalm 105:8 (CEV)** – *He will never forget his agreement or his promises, not in thousands of years.*

**NOTE: If God needs to “Remember his covenant, mercy, and faithfulness, how much more do we need to remember these things?**

**B. We are commanded to Remember His covenant and works.**

1. **Deuteronomy 7:17-18 (NKJV)** – <sup>17</sup>*If you should say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?’—<sup>18</sup>*you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:**

The key to overcoming fear is to remember the things the Lord has already performed.

2. **Nehemiah 4:14 (NKJV)** – *And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.*

**Remembering the Lord will keep you in the fight!**

3. **1 Chronicles 16:12 (NKJV)** – *Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth.*

**C. The benefit of Remembering His Covenant**

1. **Joshua 1:13 (NKJV)** – *“Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.’*
  - a. Most translations agree – “Remember the Word.”  
*We must always remember the word if we are going to receive or possess anything that relates to our inheritance.*
  - b. The instructions contained in the beginning of Joshua’s first chapter are contingent upon remembering the Word.

- Be Strong and of good courage.
- This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth.
- Meditate in it day and night.
- Your way will be prosperous, and you will have good success.  
***All of this is connected to you intentionally remembering God and His promises.***

**2. Remembering the Lord is to intentionally take necessary steps to set your mind/thoughts on Him.**

- a. Just as God set a rainbow in the clouds to remind Him often of His covenant, we need to take action to do things that will bring Him to our minds often.
  - Daily Bible and Prayer devotion – set into our daily routine
  - Weekly church services – set a standard in our mind – that God is worthy of prioritizing by establishing a weekly time that belongs to him.
  - Esteeming His time above all time given to other things.
  - Whenever we give God what is left over – we are not esteeming Him highly. He is not a priority in our mind. He is only worthy of the time we have left – *if we have any left.*

***NOTE: HE IS WORTHY of taking time to remember Him.***

***It is greatly beneficial to us.***

**D. Failure to Remember**

1. **Judges 8:34 (NKJV)** – Thus the children of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side;
2. **Psalm 78:42 (NKJV)** – They did not remember His power: the day when He redeemed them from the enemy,
3. **Psalm 106:7 (NKJV)** – *Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; they did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, but rebelled by the sea—the Red Sea*

4. When the first generation of Israelites failed to possess the promised land, the key to their failure may be connected to what they chose to remember and what they chose to forget.
  - a. **Numbers 11:4-6 (NKJV)** – *<sup>4</sup>Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: “Who will give us meat to eat? <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!*
  - b. Israel had experienced many wonderful things from the Lord throughout the wilderness experience.
    - Supernatural release from Pharaoh.
    - The Red Sea crossing.
    - Water and Food
  - c. They remembered the food from Egypt.  
*It seems that they forgot the slavery of Egypt.*
  - d. Of all the things they could have had their mind stirred upon, they were meditating on food – things pertaining to their flesh.
  - e. If they had been stirring up their remembrance of God and His covenant – they would have been ready to take possession of their inheritance.  
*Because they stirred the wrong memories – they were unprepared to receive the blessing.*

**IV. Closing Thoughts: *When we are not intentionally stirring our minds to remember God's promises to us and the great things He has already done for us – we are opening the door of our mind to be led by fear and things pertaining to our flesh.***

*When we stir our minds and hearts to remember the faithfulness of God and His covenant promises, we will be ready to receive and possess everything that He promises no matter how great the opposition.*