

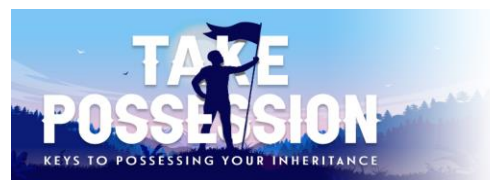
I. Review

A. Several passages that confirm our need to “Take Possession.”

1. **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.*
2. **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.*
3. **Deuteronomy 2:24-25 (NKJV)** – ²⁴*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. ²⁵This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.*

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
 - 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



II. Dealing with the Opposition

A. Although God gave Israel the “Promised Land,” He did not remove all the enemies or hindrances.

Instructions for the Conquest of Canaan

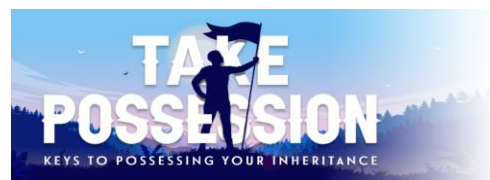
Numbers 33:50-53 (NKJV) – ⁵⁰Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho, saying, ⁵¹“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ⁵²then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before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

1. There are inhabitants that you will need to drive out.
2. **Drive Out** – *The same original Greek Term – as Possess*
To seize – to dispossess – to take possession of.
3. **Dispossess** – to deprive of land or possessions.
To put out of possess
4. God says, “You must take possession of what I have provided for you – from your enemies. You must deprive them of the territory that they have held as theirs. *You must deal with the opposing forces.*

B. Why didn’t God drive out the inhabitants himself?

1. **God is not in control of everything on earth.**
 - a. **Psalm 115:16 (NKJV)** – *The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s; But the earth He has given to the children of men*

Psalm 115:16 (HCSB) – *The heavens are the Lord’s, but the earth He has given to the human race.*



- b. In Genesis chapter 1, God gave man dominion over the earth. See *Genesis 1:26-28*
Man was given jurisdiction over the earth.
The official power to make legal decisions and judgments.
NOTE: Adam had the legal right to give authority to Satan.

- 2. **God wants his children to learn how to operate in authority.**
Maturity means you are able to do somethings for yourself. This doesn't mean that we are independent of God. We are always dependent upon His power; however, we are to use His word and authority that He has given to us.

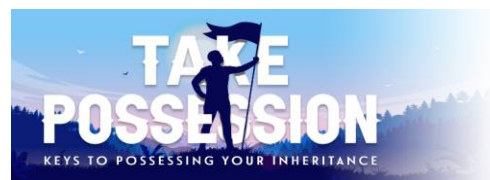
New Testament: Matthew 18:18 (NKJV) – *Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven*

Matthew 18:18 (CEV) – *I promise you God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but God will not allow anything you don't allow.*

- 3. **For Israel to “Take Possession” of their promised land, God would empower them through His Word and His Anointing.**
 - a. His Word would provide a source of Faith.
They had His Promise – but a promise is not enough.
 - b. His Spirit would empower them for victory as them stepped out by faith to take possession.
They would have to ACT on the promise – which would allow His Spirit to empower them for supernatural victory.
 - c. They would not “Take Possession,” until they had the faith to act – thus allowing God to act on their behalf in warfare.

C. Just as Israel dealt with opposing forces, we also must deal with opposing forces along our spiritual journey.

- 1. **Opposing Forces to watch out for.**
 - a. Sin and Temptation
 - b. Unforgiveness and bitterness



- c. Jealousy
- d. Hatred
- e. Strife and divisions
- f. Worldliness and carnality
- g. Slothfulness and slack

2. Whatever God is doing in our life, Satan will oppose it.

- a. **1 Corinthians 16:9 (NKJV)** – *For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries*

1 Corinthians 16:9 (YLT) – *for a door to me hath been opened – great and effectual – and withstanders are many*

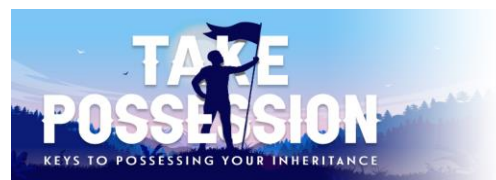
- b. Satan opposed the mission of Jesus
He attempted to Get Jesus to Question who the Father said He was.
- c. Satan will oppose you and your promised land.
*He will attempt to get to you question your new identity.
He will attempt to get you to question what belongs to you.
He will attempt to get you to question what you can do.*
- d. Satan doesn't let go easily!
Territory that Satan has secured in your life – must be seized.
 - *Addictive behaviors*
 - *Wrong ideas and beliefs*
 - *Health issues*
 - *Poverty*
 - *Generational Curses*

NOTE: He may not let go easily, but He must let go!

D. Identify the areas of your “Inheritance” that you need to take possession.

1. What areas of your life are still being held and controlled by the enemy?

- a. Spiritual Life? – (Spiritual growth, devotion, faith, etc.)
- b. Mind?
- c. Body? – (temptation, sin, health, strength/weakness, etc.)
- d. Family? – (Marriage, kids, etc.)



- e. Career?
- f. Business?
- g. Finances?

2. How do I begin to take possession in these areas of my life?

- a. Always begin with the foundation of the Word of God – Find your promises.
- b. Speak to your mountains – Speak to your Giants!
See Mark 11:23-24
- c. Pray – *Pray for the Lord's guidance, strength, and strategy. Do not pray for the Lord to do your possessing.*
- d. Follow His directions regardless of how insignificant they may seem. *Israel had to march for seven days.*