

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

4. Remember His Covenant

5. Wholeness

Different levels of receiving.

Wholeness requires whole heartedness.

6. Wholly Following God

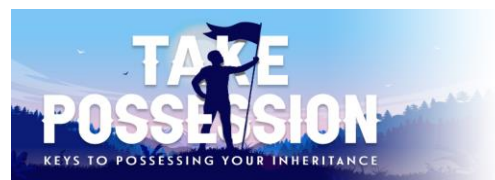
7. Covenant Possession

8. Faith & Patience Inherit the Promises

II. The Command: to occupy

Occupy: The term is only found twice in the KJV. The most popular quote is from in Luke 19:13

A. Luke 19:13 (KJV) – *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come*



- B. Do business until I come.
Do not become distracted.
Do not become slothful.
Do not cease to continue kingdom work.
Stay with it!
- C. The Word “Possess” also means to occupy
- D. When God commanded Israel to take possession of the promised land, He was telling to occupy it.
- E. **Occupy** – reside – inhabit – live in it – settle in a place – the act of residing.
- F. Israel was to possess their inheritance, then settle in it – not allowing the enemy to come back and disinherit them.
The enemy was not to be allowed to come back and repossess from them the things they had possessed.

III. The enemy’s comeback

- A. **Satan will always attempt to regain that which has been taken from him.**
 - 1. **Matthew 12:43-45 (NKJV)** – ⁴³“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴Then he says, ‘**I will return** to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.
 - a. “I will return,” Satan will always attempt to make a comeback.
 - b. When he returns, the house is swept and empty.
He finds no authority figure there.
He finds no opposition there.
He finds an open door of opportunity.

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c. He returns and the last state of the man is worse than the first.

2. Whatever you have taken possession of Satan will attempt to take back.

Salvation – healing – deliverance – prosperity – peace – joy

3. When he returns, what will he find?

- a. Is your house/vessel empty?
- b. Will he find a house full of covenant promises?
- c. Will he find faith?
- d. Will he find authority?
- e. Will there be any opposition?
- f. Are you occupying?

4. Often the battle is not lost in the initial fight, it is lost in the comeback.

- a. When Satan attempted to return, the person was not prepared.
Empty, unprepared spiritually, weak, unengaged.
- b. Satan find an open door enabling him to return.
- c. Pastor’s personal example.

B. We need to always be spiritually diligent and prepared for every battle.

1. **Matthew 24:43 (NKJV)** – *But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into*

Matthew 24:43 (CEV) – *Homeowners never know when a thief is coming, and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in*

Other translations:

Be alert

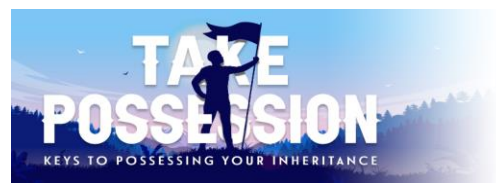
Be on guard

Stay awake

- 2. Colossians 1:21-23 (NKJV)** – ²¹*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled* ²²*in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—* ²³***if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.***
- a. **Notice – “If you continue”**
Continue – persist in an activity or process – to proceed – to remain – to carry on – to keep going
 - b. **Continue in faith**
*It is not enough to start – we must finish!
It’s not enough to take possession – we must continue in possession.
What I received by faith; I will remain in possession of by faith.*
 - c. **Grounded – steadfast – and not moved away.**
Don’t drift away – Shifting away

C. Keys to occupying

1. **Stay strong in faith regarding that which you have taken possession of.**
 - a. Many become strong in faith for the initial battle only to allow faith to weaken once that battle is won.
 - b. Whatever battle you have engaged in, keep faith strong for that battle. In doing so, you will be prepared for the enemy if he attempts to return.
 - c. Faith is kept strong by continuing to mediate in the covenant promises.
2. **Continue to speak aloud your covenant promises although you have received your manifestation.**
 - a. Dodie Osteen still reads aloud her healing scriptures daily, although she received the manifestation of healing several years ago.
 - b. By speaking those promises aloud, you are keeping your authority in place.



3. Watch out for open doors.

- a. There are certain things that may open a door for the enemy to return.
- b. Sin, strife, unforgiveness, stress, worry, unbelief, faithless words, etc.