



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

Session 9: Occupying as New Covenant People

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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.*

B. Occupy Your Territory

1. Numbers 33:53

NKJV “...you shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.”

Other Translations: “settle in it”, “dwell in it”, “live in it”. *This is OCCUPYING.*

- 2. Occupy:** to take up a place or a space; to take hold of or possession / control of; to reside as a tenant or owner.

When I take possession of what belongs to me, I am to OCCUPY that territory—never allowing to the enemy to return.

3. The enemy comes to DISPOSSESS us from that which we have received.

- Israel not only took possession of the promised land, but they also had to OCCUPY the territory they had taken (“*type and shadow*”).
- We are also commanded to HOLD the territory we receive as New Testament believers.
- Colossians 1:23**
NKJV “...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



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was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

CEV “...but you must stay deeply rooted and firm in your faith.”

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Once you have taken possession of what belongs to you in Christ, Satan makes it his mission to MOVE YOU AWAY from that territory.*

II. Occupying as New Covenant People

The Old Testament saints had to occupy the promised land. This is a type and shadow for us. We are not only to take possession of everything that is freely given to us in our INHERITANCE, BUT we are to OCCUPY that realm by refusing to give up territory we have taken.

- We are made free to **STAY** free!
- We are made righteous to **STAY** in righteousness.
- We are delivered from strongholds to **STAY** delivered.
- Whatever territory you have POSSESSED in your inheritance you must also OCCUPY, or else the enemy will take it again and set you back!

A. The Type and Shadow of Possessing and Occupying in the Old Testament

1. The Word gave them power to possess and occupy.

- a. **Deuteronomy 32:47 NKJV** “For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and **by this word** you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”

PASTOR'S NOTE: *BY THIS WORD you will be able to PROLONG your days in the land you possess. PROLONG = to CONTINUE LONG.*

2. The “Second Hearing”

- a. **Psalms 62:11 NKJV** “God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power *belongs* to God.”
- b. The first generation of Israelites heard the promise.



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- c. The next generation were commanded in **Joshua 1:8** to meditate in the promise day and night, thus giving them good success. In the mediation of the Word, they HEARD differently than the first generation.
- d. The first group heard with their *natural* ears.
- e. The second group meditated the Word down into their hearts, so they heard with their inner heart as well.
- f. This meditating and inner hearing of the promises gave them the strength, courage, and boldness to possess their promised land.

3. The same way you receive strength for possessing is the same way you receive strength to occupy (STAY LONG).

- a. The meditating of the Word (as Joshua commanded) did not stop once the process of possessing began.
 - **Joshua 1:8 NKJV** "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."
 - **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'."
 - **Joshua 8:34-35 NKJV** "And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *This reading was following the first two battles that Israel fought as they began the possession / occupancy process. THIS WAS THEIR KEY TO SUCCESS!*

- b. You must be strong to take possession *by the Word*.
- c. You must be strong to occupy *by the Word*.
- d. The key to keeping what you received is to continue meditating and declaring the Word that will produce the HELP, WISDOM, and STRENGTH to remain and occupy in every new realm.
- e. **Psalms 17:4 KJV** "Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer."



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4. As New Covenant people, we do not meditate in the Old Covenant (the Law).

The people in Joshua's day had a Book of Law that applied to them. We have books that apply to us. These are called "The Epistles".

- a. **The Gospels** reveal to us the coming of Jesus and how He purchased our salvation and freedom through his death, burial and resurrection.
- b. **The Epistles** reveal to us what we now have in Christ since we have died with Him, are buried with Him, and are resurrected with Him to a brand new life.
- c. If I am to OCCUPY in the realm of my inheritance in Christ, I must READ and MEDITATE in these letters to the Church that were given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

B. Since I am Seated with Him, I am Keeping My Seat!

Ephesians 2:1-7 NKJV "And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us up together*, and **made *us sit together*** in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

1. In Christ I possess a seat.

- a. A *seat* of righteousness.
- b. A *seat* of every good and perfect gift.
- c. A *seat* of favor with God.
- d. A *seat* of authority to use the name of Jesus.
- e. A *seat* of victory.
- f. A *seat* of healing.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *With every sermon or teaching I am renewing my mind to understand what has been provided for me. As my mind is renewed to understand what has been provided for me, I TAKE MY SEAT—I possess—that realm of blessing for myself in Christ. I **occupy** my seat!*



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2. **Satan is always attempting to unseat God's people.** His attempt is to get you to *vacate* your seat!
3. **The key to staying seated is to maintain the spirit of faith for who you are, what you have, and what you can do.** This is only accomplished by looking into the mirror of God's Word and SEEING the image of your new self. YOU IN CHRIST! CHRIST IN YOU!
4. **Maintaining proper spiritual self-image gives you everything you need to OCCUPY!**
 - a. You see yourself as *able*:
Philippians 4:13
KJV "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
 - b. You see yourself as *more than a conqueror*:
Romans 8:37
NKJV "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

AMP "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors *and* gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us]."
 - c. You see yourself *righteous in Him*:
2 Corinthians 5:21
KJV "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

CEV "Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so Christ could make us acceptable to God."

GWT "God had Christ, who was sinless, take our sin so that we might receive God's approval through him."



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- d. The **significance** of seeing yourself righteous:

Isaiah 54:17

KJV "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *The Old Covenant was based upon performance (righteous acts). Prophetically speaking of the New Covenant saints, Isaiah says that no weapon formed against them will ever be able to succeed because THEY ARE SECURED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. The righteousness that comes from God came to us (the New Covenant saints) in Jesus!*

5. The more you meditate on "IN Him", "THROUGH Him", or "BY Him", the more strength and courage you will have to **OCCUPY LONG** in the things you have taken possession of.

6. Refuse to allow the enemy to talk you out of your seat!

- a. **Galatians 1:6-9**

NKJV "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *WATCH OUT FOR THE VOICES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO TALK YOU OUT OF YOUR SEAT!*

- b. **Hebrews 2:1**

NKJV "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away."



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AMP “For this reason [that is, because of God’s final revelation in His Son Jesus and because of Jesus’ superiority to the angels] we must pay much closer attention than ever to the things that we have heard, so that we do not [in any way] drift away from truth.”

GNT “That is why we must hold on all the more firmly to the truths we have heard, so that we will not be carried away.”

c. **Hebrews 6:4-6**

NKJV “For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *This is not mere backsliding. This is willfully unseating yourself by walking away from the revelation of Christ to go back to trusting in the old system or something else other than Christ.*

d. **Kenneth E. Hagin:** “*It is dangerous to come up to revelation and walk away from it.*”

e. **Colossians 2:8 NKJV** “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ”

PASTOR’S NOTE: *Do not be cheated out of your seat. Do not allow seemingly spiritual voices, ideas, or ways of thinking to distract you from the simplicity of the Word of God, thus robbing you from that which you have received. **Be determined to OCCUPY!***



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7. Occupiers **DO NOT** compromise!

a. Joshua's WORD:

- **Joshua 9:8 NKJV** "And the Lord said to Joshua, do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand, not a man of them shall stand before you."

b. Note all the scriptures in Joshua where it says, "Joshua **TOOK**":

- **Joshua 10:35**
- **Joshua 11:12, 16, 19**
- **Joshua 11:21** – He cut off the Anakim from the mountains.
- **Joshua 11:23 NKJV** "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had said to Moses"

c. How did Joshua do it? By **TAKING THE WORD** and **DRIVING THE ENEMY OUT** and refusing any opportunity for them to return. **DO LIKEWISE!**