YOUR PROMISED LAND

**2––WHAT IS YOUR “PROMISED LAND?”**

**Joshua 1:1–7 (NKJV)** After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: **2** “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. **5** No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.”

**Joshua 1:2 (NKJV)** “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land **which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.**”

**ON MAY 7, 2020, GOD GAVE ME A NEW ASSIGNMENT … TO HELP YOU ACQUIRE YOUR PROMISED LAND**

**LOOK AT VERSE 6…**

**Joshua 1:6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people **you shall divide** as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

**LISTEN TO IT IN THE ESV…**

**(ESV)** Be strong and courageous, for **you shall cause this people to inherit the land** that I swore to their fathers to give them.

**SO MY JOB IS TO “CAUSE YOU” TO INHERIT YOUR LAND**

**SO THE QUESTION IS … “WHAT IS YOUR PROMISED LAND?”**

**GENERALLY SPEAKING, IT’S EVERYTHING GOD HAS PROMISED YOU THROUGH THE SALVATION JESUS PURCHASED FOR YOU ON THE CROSS**

**2 Corinthians 1:20 says,** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ… **(NIV)**

**And Hebrews 6:12 says,** …imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. **(NKJV)**

**SO … EVEN THOUGH THE PROMISES OF GOD HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR YOU BY THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST, YOU MUST RECEIVE THEM THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE**

**Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**THERE ARE MANY PROMISES … WHICH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT?**

* **THE PROMISES ABOUT MONEY?**
* **THE PROMISES ABOUT YOUR HEALTH?**
* **THE PROMISES ABOUT PEACE AND JOY?**
* **THE PROMISES ABOUT PROTECTION?**

**ALL THESE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT, AND GOD CARES ABOUT THEM**

**FOR EXAMPLE…**

**Matthew 6:31–33 (NKJV)** “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**GOD KNOWS THAT WE NEED FINANCIAL PROVISION … AND HEALTH … AND PEACE, JOY, PROTECTION, ETC. … BUT HE ALSO KNOWS THAT THOSE THINGS ARE ALL TEMPORARY THINGS … AND THAT A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW, NONE OF THAT WILL MATTER.**

**LISTEN TO THIS PARABLE OF JESUS…**

**Luke 12:16–21 (GW)** Then he used this illustration. He said, “A rich man had land that produced good crops. **17** He thought, ‘What should I do? I don’t have enough room to store my crops.’ **18** He said, ‘I know what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones so that I can store all my grain and goods in them. **19** Then I’ll say to myself, “You’ve stored up a lot of good things for years to come. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.” ’ **20** “But God said to him, ‘You fool! I will demand your life from you tonight! Now who will get what you’ve accumulated?’ **21** That’s how it is when a person treasures material possessions and his riches don’t serve God.”

**WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS CONSUMED WITH MAKING THEIR LIVES HERE ON EARTH BETTER … MORE COMFORTABLE … MORE PLEASURABLE**

**TALK ABOUT THE SHORT VIEW … HERE’S WHAT THEY SHOULD DO…**

1. **FIRST, THEY SHOULD MAKE SURE THEY GO TO HEAVEN AND NOT TO HELL BY COMMITTING THEIR LIVES TO JESUS CHRIST**
2. **THEN THEY SHOULD PRAY AND SEEK GOD TO SAVE EVERY MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY AS WELL AS THEIR FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, CLASSMATES, ETC.**
3. **THEN THEY SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT GOD HAS CALLED THEM TO DO WHILE THEY’RE HERE ON EARTH … AND WORK TO GET IT DONE**

**THAT’S SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD!**

**AND WHAT DID GOD SAY HE WOULD DO???**

**Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**GOD HAS A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE…**

**Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**NOTICE … HE PREPARED THINGS FOR US TO DO … AND … WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.**

**MOST PEOPLE DON’T PURSUE GOD’S CALLING ON THEIR LIFE … AND THAT’S A SERIOUS MATTER**

**LISTEN TO WHAT JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 7:21**

Not everyone who calls me their Lord will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey my Father in heaven will get in. **Matthew 7:21 (CEV)**

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE IS DOING WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO … THAT’S WHAT WILL LAST FOR ETERNITY**

**YOU MAY ASK, “WILL GOD REALLY TAKE CARE OF ME IF I PURSUE MY CALLING?”**

**THE ANSWER IS EMPHATICALLY, “YES … OF COURSE!” THREE REASONS:**

1. **He is a faithful God … He cannot lie**
2. **He loves you as His child, and it brings Him pleasure to bless you**
3. **When He blesses His children who are being obedient, it also provides for the ministry they’re doing**

**Luke 10:7 (NKJV)** And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. …

**John 4:35–36 (NKJV)** Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **36** And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

**THERE IS A WORLD OUT THERE THAT IS DYING AND ON THEIR WAY TO HELL … AND GOD HAS CALLED EACH OF US TO DO OUR PART TO HELP REACH THIS HARVEST**

**IT IS MY JOB TO HELP YOU RECEIVE THE PROMISES OF GOD THAT WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR––VERY SHORT––LIFE HERE ON EARTH … BUT … MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB IS FOUND IN EPHESIANS 4:11–12…**

**Ephesians 4:11–12 (NKJV)** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

**MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB IS TO EQUIP YOU TO FULFILL YOUR ETERNAL ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD.**

**TO EQUIP YOU, INSPIRE YOU, EMPOWER YOU, MOTIVATE YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO FULFILL YOUR GOD-GIVEN ASSIGNMENT… THIS WILL SHOW THAT JESUS IS REALLY YOUR LORD … AND THAT LIVING YOUR LIFE HERE ON EARTH TO SERVE YOURSELF IS NOT YOUR PRIORITY.**

**WHAT HAS GOD CALLED YOU TO DO?**

**WHAT IS YOUR PROMISED LAND?**