Possessing Your Promised Land

**Blessings in the Promised Land**

May 1, 2022

**SONG: JESUS I WILL FOLLOW YOU**

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**INTRODUCTION:** God has a Promised Land for each of us. It’s part of our divine individual callings. These are not new or recently developed plans. They were scripted from the foundation of the world, as Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (NKJV‬‬). God created and designed each of us for a specific purpose and calling. And He equipped us with gifts and abilities, and “wired us,” if you will, each with our own personality. He intentionally gave each of us certain strengths, and intentionally deprived us of others, that we might best serve a unique purpose and plan. And He has also prepared supernatural graces and abilities for each of us so we can accomplish His supernatural plan.

God’s plan for each of us is the most fulfilling and rewarding plan for two reasons: First, it is the only plan that matches our unique design and giftings. And second, because God, our Creator, walks with us, and He guides us to carry it out.

The question is, will you answer God’s call and walk according to His plan for your life, or will you live your life the way you decide. Proverbs 14:12 says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”‬

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**FOUR THINGS THE LORD WANTS TO DO FOR YOU IN THIS NEXT SEASON?**

1. **“Live” =** So that you don’t die unfulfilled like your ancestors and predecessors
2. **“Multiply” =** You’re even going to be blessed and multiply before you get into this land
3. **“Go in” =** I’m bringing you out of this season into a whole new season… into a season that you’ve dreamed about… prayed for… wondered if you’d ever get there
4. **“Possess” =** I’m not only bringing you into a new season and land, but I’m also going to strengthen you to fight for and take every territory that belongs to you in that land.

**WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF US?**

**Verse 1 “**Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe.”

**MOST PEOPLE GET FOCUSED ON WHAT THEY’RE BELIEVING GOD FOR, AND THEY KEEP THINKING ABOUT WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO GET THE PROMISES TO COME TO PASS.**

**BUT THAT’S NOT WHAT THE LORD WANTS US TO DO. HE WANTS US TO DO WHAT HE IS TELLING US TO DO, AND TO LET HIM LEAD US AND BRING THE PROMISES TO PASS.**

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

**AS THE LORD WAS SPEAKING TO ME A FEW WEEKS AGO ABOUT TEACHING THIS SERIES CALLED “POSSESSING YOUR PROMISED LAND,” I FELT LED TO LOOK AHEAD TO SEE WHAT THE READING WAS TODAY—MAY 1—THE DAY THIS SERIES WOULD BEGIN. AND I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT WHEN I SAW THAT IT WAS DEUTERONOMY 28.**

**GOD IS TELLING US THAT HE HAS MANY, MANY BLESSINGS FOR US IN THIS NEW SEASON—OUR PROMISED LAND.**

**LET’S WALK THROUGH THE FIRST 13 VERSES OF THIS CHAPTER SO THE LORD CAN EXPLAIN TO US HOW THESE THINGS APPLY TO US.**

**Deuteronomy 28:1–13 (NKJV)** “Now it shall come to pass, **IF** you diligently **obey** the voice of the Lord your God, to **observe carefully all His commandments** which I command you **TODAY**, that the Lord your God **will** set you high above all nations of the earth. **2** And **ALL THESE BLESSINGS** **shall** come upon you and overtake you, **BECAUSE YOU OBEY** the voice of the Lord your God: **3** “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. **4** “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. **5** “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. **6** “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. **7** “The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. **8** “The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. **9** “The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. **10** Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. **11** And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. **12** The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. **13** And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

**AND NOT ONLY IS GOD GOING TO BRING THESE BLESSINGS ON US, BUT THE LAND ITSELF IS BETTER—THIS NEW SEASON OF WALKING IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD AND FOLLOWING HIM---IS A MUCH BETTER LAND THAN THE LAND WE’VE BEEN IN,**

**Deuteronomy 8:7-10** For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; **8** a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; **9** a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. **10** When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

**THIS NEW LAND OF FOLLOWING AND OBEYING GOD IS GOING TO BE A WHOLE NEW SEASON FOR YOU… BLESSINGS ALL OVER THE PLACE**

**TESTIMONY:** We have a lot of young adults who have crossed the Jordan and are fighting battles and taking the Land God has for them.

**AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT GOD IS SAYING THAT YOU’RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH… HE HAS ALREADY GONE BEFORE YOU TO GIVE YOU A HUGE HEAD START**

**Deuteronomy 6:10–13 (NKJV)** “So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, **11** houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—**12** then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. **13** You shall fear the Lord your God **and serve Him** …”

**CAN YOU SEE IT? GOD IS PROMISING BLESSING UPON BLESSING TO US… HOWEVER… WE NEED TO FOLLOW HIS LEAD AND BE OBEDIENT TO HIM**

**LET’S READ DEUTERONOMY 8:1 AGAIN**

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**POEM:** No More Laps (speaking of the wilderness)

**(3 verses… the 1st verse is more of an introduction and humorous, but it becomes more meaningful in the last 2 verses)**

Take another lap if you want to

But I’m going to the Promised Land

I’ve had my fill of this wilderness

And camels and hot desert sand

So take another lap if you want to

But I’m not obliged to go

I’m thankful for the manna, but it’s time for a banana

And maybe an Israeli taco

Take another lap if you want to

To see the same ‘ol desert view

But I’ll be crossing the Jordan

For all the promises are true

So take another lap if you want to

But if you’ll come along with me

Your God who’s full of love will pour down blessings from above

And what you’ve longed for will finally be

Take another lap if you want to

But God is calling for us to come

We’re now in a different new season

Where Jesus is number one

The Spirit is clearly speaking

So there must be no delay

If not now it may be never, here’s your chance so pull the lever

While today is still today

**GOD IS CALLING, EACH ONE OF US, TO—IN OUR HEARTS—CROSS OVER INTO THIS NEW SEASON TODAY.**

**AND LET ME TELL YOU ONE OF GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS RIGHT NOW TO EVERYONE WHO’S PART OF THE ROCK… OR SOLID LIVES… OR WHOM GOD HAS CALLED TO FOLLOW US… HE’S CALLING ALL OF US TO GATHER IN GROUPS AND TO BE READY IN ANOTHER WEEK TO BEGIN THE “JESUS’ CHURCH” STUDY.**

1. **THE FIRST LESSON OF “JESUS’ CHURCH” IS ALREADY AVAILABLE ON THE BFAM APP… IF YOU DON’T HAVE THE BFAM APP, JUST SEARCH FOR BFAM IN YOUR APP STORE**

**THERE IS A QR CODE ON THE FLYER TO TAKE YOU TO DOWNLOAD THE BFAM APP**

1. **THIS LESSON WILL BE AVAILABLE IN PRINT NEXT SUNDAY**
2. **IF YOU HAVEN’T GATHERED A GROUP, BEGIN DOING IT NOW… I ENCOURAGE YOU NOT TO JUST LET IT BE YOUR OWN FAMILY BUT HAVE AT LEAST TWO OF THREE FAMILIES REPRESENTED**
3. **FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE HERE IN THIS SERVICE, WE GAVE YOU A FLYER WITH SIMPLE STEPS TO PLAN YOUR GROUP**
	1. **DAY OF THE WEEK**
	2. **TIME OF DAY**
	3. **LOCATION**
	4. **WHOM TO INVITE**

**THIS IS TRULY GOING TO BE LIFE-CHANGING FOR US—BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY**

**LET’S STAND AND COMMIT OURSELVES TO FOLLOW THE LORD IN ALL THAT HE’S CALLING US TO DO**

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