

## **CROSSING THE JORDAN**

### **Sunday 9/15/19 – Gabe Palmer**

**Introduction:** We are in the midst of crossing the Jordan into a new chapter. What crossing the Jordan signifies is the coming into and receiving the prophetic promises of God. All the promises of God are prophetic. They are that which is to come. A promise is a prophetic declaration of a future fulfillment. We are standing in the midst of that now. All the promises of God will be fulfilled. All the little promises in our lives are a testimony that God is going to make good on the bigger promises. All the prophetic promises of the broader missions base that have been fulfilled, are a testimony that God is going to make good on the bigger promises for Atlanta, Israel, and ultimately the main promise for the entire world. He will return. He will restore all things. Everything Jesus and the prophets say about the new Jerusalem and the age to come is true!

The Lord has given me three passages of scripture as instructions for the transition that is coming (not only for me, but for the house). These three passages give us instructions to possess the land, inherit the land, and how to remain in the land when testing and tribulation come.

Joshua 1 is how we possess the land of promise Psalm 37 is how we inherit the land of promise

Matthew 5-7 is how we remain in the land of promise in the day of testing.

#### **Possessing the Land**

*Joshua 1:6-7 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Three times the Lord tells Joshua "Be strong and courageous".

The promises of God are not handed over but they must be fought for. The strength that we are to have is not a human strength. It is not our own might that we muster up to possess the promises. It is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. So the strength is not our own power, or ingenuity, or strategy, or resource. The strength is being strong in faith. To believe that the Lord is going to do what he says he will do. The courage is to press on in

the midst of adversity and difficulty. To possess the promise of God we must be strong in faith and courageous to remain faithful.

It will take full faith to be faith-ful through the difficulties that are coming in the days ahead.

The promises of God are always bigger than what we could achieve in our own strength. That is the case for overcoming personal sin as it is for taking a people through a transition of wilderness wanderings to Canaan claiming.

There are battles to be fought but they are not to be fought in your own strength or ability. When Joshua took the people across the Jordan, their first battle was won through strong faith in what God said. To walk around the walls silently for six days and then to walk around seven times and shout had to take strong faith and courage to do.

### **Inheriting the Land**

This psalm contrast the wicked and the righteous. In this psalm, the wicked is not someone who has morally evil intentions and the righteous are not those who have morally pure intentions. The wicked are those who do not trust God and the righteous are those who do trust God.

In this poem, trusting God looks like refraining from one's own strength and wisdom and waiting on the Lord. The "evildoers" look like those who operate out of their own strength and wisdom and thus do not wait for the Lord to fulfill his promises.

### **Inherit:**

1 time is the Hebrew word Nakhalaw

(**wə·na·ḥă·lā·tām**) which means inheritance passed down. A heritage (v.18)  
5 times inherit is hebrew word Yarash (**yī·rə·šū**) which means to occupy the land by driving out previous tenants and possessing in their place. (v.9,11,22,29,34)

There are powers and principalities that must be driven out of the land. Those enemies will not be driven out simply by showing up. To occupy in their place requires the way the Lord describes.

### **Inheriting the Land**

Psalm 37:3-7 Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

### **'Do' commands:**

Trust in the Lord (v.3,5)

Do good (v.3,27)

Dwell in the land (v.3,27)

mediate (feed) on God's faithfulness (v.3) Delight yourself in God (v.4)

Commit your way (v.5)

Rest in the Lord (v.7)

Wait patiently for God (v.7) Cease from anger/wrath (v.8) Depart from evil (v.27)

### **Promise:**

God will give the desires of your heart (v.4) He shall bring your plans to pass (v.5)

God will expose your righteousness (v.6) God will bring you justice (v.6)

Delight in abundance of peace (v.11,37)

Steps ordered by God (v.23)

The Lord will uphold even when we stumble (v.24) Provided for (v. 25)

Children blessed (v.26)

Will not forsake saints (v.28)

Preserves them forever (v.28)

The Lord will not leave righteous in wicked's hands (v.33)

Save the righteous (.39,40) be their strength (v.39)

Be their help (v.39)

### **Who inherits:**

Those who wait (v.9,34)

The meek (v.11)

Those blessed by God (v.22) Righteous (v.29)

Obedient (v.34)

### **Remaining in the Land**

Matthew 7:24-27 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

The ways of Jesus are the rock by which everything is tested by. When everything that is shaken is shaken, what will remain? When the consuming fire of Gods presence comes, what will remain?

The character of Christ. The essence of God himself being manifested in the earth is the rock by which we are built. This is internal things, not external.

The most critical part of building a house is not how it will be designed, but what foundation it is built on. For each of us will be tested as to what house we built with the things that we knew. The Sermon on the Mount lifestyle is the rock by which our lives must be built. Hearing and doing!

The wind and floods are the trials and tribulations that are about to come onto the earth. When that day comes, what you did with the things you knew about Jesus will be the only deciding factor to either going through the testing or being destroyed.

If the preachers and teachers are not preparing people for the Day of the Lord, then what are we doing?

The glory of God will be manifested when trials and testing comes through the people who take serious the words of Jesus. The spiritual fruits and character of God.

People say that since we do not know the day or the hour of the Lords return there is nothing we can do to get ready. That is foolishness. When a woman is going to have a natural childbirth, they do not know the day or the hour by which that baby will come. Yet they prepare everything they can because they know that they will have the baby. Knowing or not knowing the day and hour is irrelevant to prepare.

### **Conclusion:**

IHOP/New Bridge are in the midst of a new chapter. A transition into possessing and inheriting the promises of God in Atlanta. If we are to remain in the time of testing that is coming on the earth we must take serious the ways and sayings of Jesus. We must embrace the Sermon on the Mount lifestyle and the grace to fulfill it.

Stone Mountain will be an outpost of this house with an Isaiah 58 fasted lifestyle outworking and an Acts 2 reality of community, love, signs, and wonders.

There is coming a wedding feast when Jesus returns. That wedding feast called the wedding supper of the Lamb has extended the invitation to those outside the church walls.

Luke 14 and Matt 22

Go into the highways and byways and find any who will come to the feast. Go find the hungry and outcast and bring them in for the wedding supper is about to start.

Isaiah 58 is the way that the light of Christ is experienced and revealed. It is the prescription for the world to see Jesus and God the Father in the flesh.