

Sermon Outline

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The Continuity of God and The Changing of God's Servants: Part Two

God's purposes and plans always continue, but man, even God's servants, pass on. The death of God's servants does not prevent God from fulfilling His promises.

As we study through the book of Joshua, we will also learn that, while the events are real historically, they also embody spiritual lessons and applications for us today. If we just learn the history but fail to understand and submit to the spiritual lessons that apply to us today, we will miss the most important blessings God desires for us to receive.

I. THE SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND

- A. Moses Had Been Called By God To Do God's Will
- B. The Enemies of God Continue Even When God's Men Pass On
- C. God's Preparation of Joshua

II. GOD CHOSE JOSHUA

- A. Joshua Was God's Choice and Had God's blessing Deu.1:37-38; 3:21-28; 34:7-9
- B. God Determined That Joshua Would Lead His People to Inherit the Land and God made the same promises to Joshua He had made to Moses Joshua 1:5

III. RECEIVING/POSSESSING THE GIFTS OF GOD

The experiences of the Israelites in possessing the land that God gave to them are to be spiritual examples to us (1 Cor. 10:6). Abraham is the spiritual father to all believers (Rom. 4:1 1,16; Gal. 3:6-9); therefore, the pattern that we see in God's relationship with Abraham is to be experienced in the lives of all who become believers in Jesus Christ.

A. God Said: I have given ...

1. God first told Abraham I will show thee the land...

Before Abraham could possess God's gift of Canaan, he had to:

- a. Completely separate himself from his past: *Get thee out ...* Gen. 12:1
- b. Submit himself unreservedly to God
- c. Walk by faith/obedience Heb. 1 1:8-17; Gen. 15:1-18; 17:1-9; Jam. 2:20-24

Before Abraham could receive God's gift, he had to do these things!

2. God then told Abraham *I will give thee and thy seed the land* Gen 17:8

God's gifts are always undeserved and free, but to receive them requires acts of faith/obedience because God's gifts always change the receivers of those gifts. Titus 3:5-7; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; Eph. 2:8-10

B. God said: Every Place That The Sole of Your Foot Shall Tread Upon, I have given

Possessing/receiving God's gift of Canaan required their daily, active obedience. God had already told them that their possessing of the land would come little by little as they obeyed Him. Exodus 23:29-30

C. As It Was With The Israelites, It Is With Believers Today

- 1. God's gift of salvation from sin is instantaneous Rom. 6:3-7
- 2. Living the promises of God requires continuous faith and obedience
 - a. Reckon Rom 6:9-12
 - b. Yield yourselves Rom 6:13-19
 - c. Faith without works (of obedience) is dead James 2:24-26

D. To Possess, the Israelites Had to Observe ALL the Law, Obey Josh 1:7

If we desire success in life (Joshua 1:8) we too must obey ALL the law of God!