

# Sermon Outline

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## Possessing the Promises: Part 12 Steps Toward Pain and Self-Destructions, and Then Steps Toward Recovery

- I. THE LEADERSHIP OF A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD
- II. GOD HAD ALREADY BEEN AT WORK IN JERICHO
- III. RAHAB AND GOD
- IV. STANDING AT THE JORDAN
- V. THE EXERCISE OF TRUE FAITH: THE PRIESTS STANDING IN THE WATER
- VI. THE SUPERNATURAL GOD ACTS: GOD DRIES UP THE JORDAN
- VII. THE SUPERNATURAL GOD EASILY DOES SUPERNATURAL WORKS
- VIII. GOD EXPECTS US TO REMEMBER HIS SUPERNATURAL WORKS
- IX. GOD'S GREATNESS WAS MEMORIALIZED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
- X. GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH THE PEOPLE WITH THE ACT OF CIRCUMCISION
- XI. THE PEOPLE CELEBRATE PASSOVER: CELEBRATING GOD'S DELIVERANCE
- XII. WHEN WE FULFILL OUR GOD-ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES
- XIII. RECEIVING THE GIFT OF GOD
- XIV. CONQUERING JERICHO: THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH
- XV. GIVING GOD WHAT HE CLAIMS AS HIS
- XVI. STEPS TOWARD PAIN AND SELF-DESTRUCTION

*...the children of Israel committed a trespass...*

### A. The People Forgot All of God's Supernatural Works and Provisions

- 1. God had supernaturally provided all of the provisions they had needed
- 2. God had supernaturally guided and protected them
- 3. God had supernaturally defeated all of their enemies
- 4. Yet, the people seemed to have forgotten all of the above...HOW & WHY?

### B. What Was Done...

*Joshua and the people made God very angry...what did they do?*

- 1. God had meant what He said, *every word*
- 2. Not ALL the people believed God and took Him seriously
- 3. One of them, Achan, disobeyed God and stole what belonged to God
  - a. Achan lusted after something that was destructive for him James 1:14-15
  - b. Lust always destroys all that it touches Joshua 7:14-26
  - c. The sin of Achan caused pain for ALL the Israelites

When a person becomes a Christian, he becomes a part of God's family...He becomes intertwined and interdependent...his life is blessed by others but his sins affect the rest of the family of God! The sin of one affects the lives of others!
- 4. Joshua made decisions based upon human reasoning and perspective, rather than the supernatural reasoning, perspective and activity of God Joshua 7:2-4
- 5. The human viewpoint and resources produced defeat and pain

*The natural, human viewpoint and resources is always prejudiced, limited, weak and cut off from the supernatural viewpoint and resources* Isaiah 55:8-9
- 6. The pain of Joshua and the people was severe, but the pain was not the same as repentance...notice what happened!
  - a. Joshua blamed God for his pain Joshua 7:7-9
  - b. Joshua's praying was not a substitute for action Joshua 7:10

When you know what to do, stop praying and start doing! Psa. 66:18; 1 Sam. 15:22
  - c. Healing and correction required painful steps and actions
  - d. Recovery from sin is possible, but always painful