

Sermon Outline

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#25 Joshua 16:10; 17: 12-18; Judges 1:19-21, 27-36 (pages 190, 198) 10/23/2011

Possessing the Promises: Part 19 The Painful Costs of Compromising God's Commands

- 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
- XVII. THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSEQUENCES
- XVIII. RECOVERY FROM DISASTER
- XIX. WORSHIPPING GOD
- XX. WHEN GOD'S ENEMIES DESIRE TO JOIN GOD'S PEOPLE
- XXI. THE SACREDNESS OF VOWS: KEEPING OUR WORDS
- XXII. CLAIMING GOD'S GIFT OF THE POSSESSION OF THE LAND
- XXIII. THE PAINFUL COSTS OF COMPROMISING GOD'S COMMANDS

The Canaanites

The Canaanites, the tribes that inhabited the land of promise, had been the object of God's grace and mercy for over 400 years while God arranged for His chosen people to be slaves in Egypt. God told Abraham that this was His plan when He first promised to give this land to Abraham's descendants. The Canaanites, rejecting God's grace, became polytheists, worshipping many gods and degenerated into a horribly degenerate society in which they even sacrificed their own children to their pagan gods. To prevent the Israelites from being polluted by the perversions of the Canaanites, God told them to eliminate the Canaanites from the land.

A. God Gives Us The Very Best Genesis 15:18-21; Deuteronomy 4:32-40; 6:1-3; 7:1-9

B. God Gives Us Instructions For Possessing His Gifts. Exodus 20:1-11

C. God Knows The Pitfalls That Will Prevent Us from Possessing the Very Best

1. God's instructions may not make sense to us.
2. God's instructions are designed to prevent us from failure—from doing the things that will prevent us from receiving His gifts.
3. God's instructions must be faithfully and completely followed for us to have success—there can be no deviation or compromise.

D. We Ourselves Determine Whether or Not We Will Be Obedient

1. Disobedience prevents us from possessing God's gifts.
2. Disobedience produces complications, pain and failure that is enduring.
Numbers 33:50-56
3. Compromise always has its costs.
Joshua 16:10; 17:12-18; Judges 1:19-21, 27-36; Zephaniah 1:1-18
4. The same truths apply to us today—we are God's children.