

## It's Time To Possess Your Land

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**Deuteronomy 1:2-3(NKJV)**-*It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.* 3 Now it came to pass in the fortieth year,...

**Deuteronomy 1:6, 8(NKJV)**- 6 "The LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. 8 See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.'

**Deuteronomy 1:26-28 (NKJV)**- "Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; 27 and you complained in your tents, and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there."'

**Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)**- Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us,

**Galatians 4:7-9 (NLT)**-7 Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. 8 Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. 9 So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)**- So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

**Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV)**- ...and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Lord is ready for us to enter our land! To POSSESS IT! What is our land though? Well, it could be a new career, a healed marriage, believing and living in His divine health, financial freedom, or maybe even merely living in His ways instead of what you've always known. Truly, the new land sounds great, right? I mean, if the Lord created it for us, it must be filled with His glory. Of course, we want to enter into it! But do we? From my own life experience of leaving the land of trauma, fear of everything, victimization, anger and guilt, and living to survive; I know change is hard! Even when that change is a great thing, it still requires a whole new mindset and that can be challenging! So, my friend, what is the new land the Lord is calling you to? Are you ready to believe God to leave the old and move into the new?

The Israelites were called to do the same thing...to leave the world's land to possess their own. Egypt's ways had been their own for generations. For almost 400 years, they had been living as the world around them, even though they had been slaves within it. They knew they were in bondage and cried out to God. He answered because He loved them! He delivered them out of Egypt with great wealth and health, gave them a strong leader, and gave them a new way to live lives with their God. They had every provision they needed for life yet rebelled against the Lord. Even being led, for a season, by a cloud by day and fire by night, knowing it was God...they still chose to complain and rebel. Why? They didn't believe or trust the Lord. They had left the land of slavery but slavery didn't leave them! They wanted to be given their freedom, not to press in for it. They were reliant on their feelings instead of their God. My friend, where there are ungodly belief systems, there is discontent and much dysfunction. The result of that dysfunction is anger, fear, and lots of complaining; which in Hebrew means **to stay permanently!** In choosing not to trust their God, they were choosing to stay right where they were, right in the middle of their slavery! No moving forward into what God had for them! To be fair though, I don't believe they consciously chose rebellion, they wanted freedom as we all do. We merely forget that we are human and don't know what is best for us. We tend to rely on our knowledge and experience instead of trusting the God who knows us best! We forget that we were created by Him, made in His image. We forget that He has a purpose for us, and, instead, focus on our lives in this world. So, Lord, we need your help this week. Teach us how to get our eyes on the land you have for us and show us how to possess it once and for all!

My friend, if we want freedom in any area of our lives, we must possess the land God has for us! To "possess" means to occupy by DRIVING OUT previous tenants! We must DRIVE OUT our old ways of running a business, our old thoughts and beliefs about marriage, our beliefs, and practices of health and wealth...dispossessing the belief or action we may have always known! It means choosing to drop the old expectations, the old beliefs of how things are to get done, and to seek out the Lord's ways. Searching out "what to do" or "how to get through this" from our feelings and knowledge won't get the job done! Jesus came, died on the cross, and rose again for us to be free in this life! The giants in our land must be eradicated! But how? First, look at who you are "following". Are you following your beliefs in your situation, someone else's words, or are you willing to follow what the Lord says? Rely and depend on Jesus! Search out what the Word of God says about the situation or habit you are dealing with, study that Word,

and ask the Holy Spirit to help you follow it. Next, decide that the Lord will be your standard, your plumb line on how to live. Allow Him to be your Shepherd, the guide through your life, because He will take care of you! You were made in His image, and when you follow Him you become more and more like Jesus!

My friend, the giants in your thinking and beliefs are from the enemy. Anxiety, fear, infirmity, lack, and any other dysfunction are not part of your personality, not your lot in life...they were lies you believed long ago. Anger and control were not in the DNA of your family...they were how your family believed and lived life. You can defeat every one of them with the Lord by your side! Take authority over them, bind them, break agreement with them, and loose in your life what the Lord says! You have Jesus, my friend! You've been going around that mountain for far too long and He is ready for you to walk in freedom! You have God's power in you that can do exceedingly more than you ever thought or believed! You have the mind of Christ and already can dispossess those giants! It's time to take your land, my friend! To finally be free from old "Egypt" ways! Choose the Lord, trust in Him, and possess the life the Lord calls you to have!

### **Activation**

This is your week to eradicate any giant in your life, my friend! The Isaraelites took 40 years to do what should have taken just 11 days! As you study the scripture you need, **ask the Lord to help you submit to Him and His ways and to guard your tongue against complaining.** Your words create whether positive or negative. The Lord will truly help you in possessing the land that you are called to! Remember, you are His child and made to be like Him! What an incredible life you have ahead as you believe and trust in Him!