

How The Promised Land Was Won

A Study of Joshua

Possessing your Possessions: The Giant Battle with Fear Joshua 1:1-9

Key Thoughts:

Joshua 1:2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

“You can borrow vision but you can’t borrow faith.”

Giant #1: Fear

How to begin to possess your possessions:

1. Lay claim to God’s promises.
 - Property (vs. 3-4) “I have given you this land”
 - Power (v. 5) (cf. Romans 8:37)
 - Presence (vs. 5,9) (cf. Deuteronomy 31:6-8)
2. Look carefully to your preparations.
 - Trade cowardice for courage (vs. 6,7,9) (cf. Deuteronomy 20:4)
 - Trade supposition for certainty (v. 8)
 - Trade preaching for practice (v. 7) (cf. James 1:22-25)
 - Trade fear for faith (v. 9) (cf. Hebrews 3:16-4:3)
3. Live confidently and prosper.
 - You will begin to see victory when you say goodbye to the world once and for all.
 - You will begin to see victory when you get tired of going in circles in the desert of indecision.
 - You will begin to see victory when you get tired of eating manna! (v. 11) (cf. Exodus 16:35).

Summary Statement: your battle with fear is personal; someone else’s faith won’t win it!