

**Objective: to reveal
the 'path of
possession' for all the
promises God has
given.**

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Inheritance, Possession, & Conquest – Pt.2

Josh. 2:10, 24; 5:1, 13-15

Introduction

The manifestation of your possession is a 'holy war.' You are accompanied by an army of angels that perform God's bidding, as you, in faith, establish or actuate the process of your faith. Faith, the "spoken-based" certainty, works in the unseen realm. Heb. 11:6. The principles and strategies of faith are laid out for us 'in the manual of faith,' the Bible. Desire, desperation, longing, and wishing will not bring the manifestation of 'what is yours.' Only faith. God fully intends that you cultivate a 'faith-based' lifestyle. Without that cultivation, you will seek to 'get some faith' simply for the various crises that arise in a season of testing. God's plan is to build in you the *instincts, perspectives, conversation, and behaviour* of faith. In so doing, you please Him and live where He died to bring you. 2 Cor. 5:7.

The Holy War

There is a great spiritual contest **for** your faith—that is, to get you to surrender your faith. If your enemy succeeds in getting you to surrender your faith through sin, unbelief, unforgiveness, presumption, past failure, coasting or discouragement, he has won a great victory. Your most potent weapon against him and in securing

your inheritance is lost. You have simply become a powerless, weak, wounded soldier...on the sidelines, watching others obtain and fulfil.

The 'Holy War' is also a spiritual contest that is won, **by** the use of your faith. You win in conquering all that opposes by your faith and obedience.

The Victory Previously Announced – Josh. 6:1 “...have delivered...”

God had said many times, **before** they engaged the enemy and **before** they faced the Red Sea and the Jordan at flood stage that He had **already** given them the victory. If He said it, it was true. He has **already** given you the victory. 2 Cor. 2:14; 1 Cor. 15:57; Rom. 8:37.

Whatever you are facing today, the truth is, that God has **already** given you the victory! He conquered all at Calvary and His victory is passed to you as you believe and receive it, and you act on that victory-possessing fact. You must first develop the mentality that is a deep-seated conviction: I **possess** the victory NOW, even before I engage any further! Rom. 4:21.

This is your position of invincibility – Invincible means “cannot be overcome.” When you steadfastly believe, you cannot be overcome. Luke 10:19; Eph. 2:6; Josh. 1:6. You are to be ‘strong and courageous’ because you *are* invincible. You are to **crush** the enemy! – Not negotiate, plead, beg God, or be in any way passive! *Passivity is the invitation for demons to crush you!*

The Ark & The Trumpet – Josh. 6:2,3

Once again, Israel was required to ‘carry the Ark’ of God’s Presence and blow a trumpet. To win the ‘holy war,’ you too, must carry the Ark and the Trumpet. This battle is not simply in the mind, although it does war in the mind, but in the ‘realm of the Spirit.’ You must get into His Presence, into the Spirit-realm, in order to be anchored in your

determination. No prayer, no worship, no listening, no meditating on and before Him...you will not succeed. You don't carry the 'ark of His Presence' for nothing. He leads you into the victory place He has already provided. Isa. 64:4.

Where is your 'trumpet and shout?' Jericho heard that they had lost before the walls fell. The march, the trumpet and the shout were not an attempt to bring down the city through decibel vibrations that loosen foundations in a natural sense. The 'sound of worship' and the verbalised proclamation of victory were infused with the power of God to destroy opposition. God works in and with what He has designed. Job 26:11-14; Ps. 75:3; Nahum 1:5.

The 'war in your mind' is a 'holy war' waged against you by the powers of darkness. Eph. 6:10-18. It 'seems' in the thought realm:

Fiery Darts -- Eph. 6:16

- "It sounds like bragging, to declare I am a winner and have won before anyone can see it." ("I have victory over that....")
- "It sounds like what the world calls an 'empty boast.'" Ps. 44:8; 1 Cor. 1:31.
- "I feel awkward" saying these things and acting this way – get over it, it is a new pattern to be established. You managed to learn to tie your shoes.
- "Would if I fail, won't I look foolish and stupid?" Where do you think this 'dart' comes from?

Speaking, Shouting, and Not Speaking – Ps. 73:9; Obadiah 17 NKJV

Israel was required to *speak* their possession...of victory **before** it manifested. 33 times the phrase 'take possession' is used in Scripture. If you possess something, why do you need to *take possession* of it? It is, for the believer, the **process of manifestation** that God has

designed—a ‘spiritual or spirit-transaction.’ Faith is a Spirit-derivative. (illustration of pre-paying). Rom. 4:17. They were required to “say,” **before** they saw with their natural eyes, the manifestation of the victory given. They were even required to *shout before* the victory was manifested. If you struggle to speak **beforehand** your promised victory, shouting may even seem more difficult. Yet, it was commanded.

They were also required to ‘**not speak**’....God was teaching them to walk and talk by faith. Sometimes it is extremely difficult to **not** open your mouth and utter some negative, faithless, lie (opposite to what God has spoken).

To *become* a ‘**faith person**’, you must learn to control your tongue, the strongest member of your own body. James 3:3-5. You learn to do this by meditating in the Word of God. James 1:25 speaks of the ‘law of freedom’ that you continually stare into. As you meditate in the promises you begin to ‘walk inwardly’ or move ‘inwardly’ in the direction that God has prescribed for you. Rom. 4:17-21. If you *meditate* on the current facts that you see and hear, from your earth-based senses, you will speak those facts that are contrary to the **truth** that God has spoken. You must learn to ‘keep a tight rein’ on your tongue. Jam. 1:26. *Your confession is your possession.*

“Spending the Night.” – Josh. 6:11, 16

Sometimes there is a time delay between our declaration and the manifestation of what we have been promised. This is called “spending the night.” The word, “spend” means to ‘use up, consume, or exhaust.’ You must learn to ‘use up, spend, consume, and exhaust’ the time between declaration (when your faith is released) and manifestation. If you don’t learn to *wait well* or wait skilfully, you will cancel your harvest manifestation and produce an Ishmael. Cf. Abraham and Hagar. Gen. 16:1-4. 1 Sam. 10:8; 1 Sam. 13:6-14. You

wait well or skilfully, by maintaining your **focus** in the Word, (Josh. 1:6-9) and by worship. (“trumpets kept sounding). Josh. 6:9,13. You keep your faith active, alive, and vibrant by your continuance in the Word of promise and by your worship—He is the Author and Finisher (completer) of your faith process. He holds you and your heart, as you continue to worship Him *through the night-spend*. Acts 16:25, 26. You **will** focus on something in the ‘*night-spend*,’ – better to focus on what will take you where you want to go, than to cancel your deliverance, blessing, breakthrough, and supply. Put the worship music on and sing **to** the Lord along with what you are hearing. Job. 29:3. There is light in the *night*—He is **The NightLight!**

Possession mentality is believing I am who God says I in my position in relation to all that stands in my way.

Conquest is the actual steps I take to 'possess my possessions.'

Ps. 73:9 in terms of words