

Long Story Short

The Conquest

Joshua 1,3,24

The Promise of Land

³ I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you...⁵ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.'⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. (Joshua 1:3-6)

God's power is beyond any boundary.

God's presence goes with us where we go.

He was before you and he is coming after you.

Three Keys to Claiming God's Promises (Joshua 3):

1) Follow the ark.

When you see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go since you have never been this way before. (Joshua 3:3-4, NIV)

Don't try to get ahead of God. Follow the Ark. Follow the spiritual leaders that God has chosen for you. The presence of God is the solution to your problems. The fastest way into the presence of God: worship.

2) Consecrate yourself.

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." (Joshua 3:5, NIV)

What is consecration? Consecration isn't a habit thing, it is a heart thing. It is getting up out of the throne of your own life and relinquishing that throne to Jesus Christ.

3) Step into the river.

Tell the priests who carry the Ark of the Covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'" (Joshua 3:8, NIV)

Faith is taking the first step before God reveals the second step and then trusting Him for the outcome. *Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt." So that place has been called Gilgal to this day. (Joshua 5:9)*

He rolls away their reproach. He can roll away the shame of our disobedience!

What Will We Do?

Joshua later tells us what to do: "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (Joshua 24:14, 15, NIV)