

## **Promised Land Living**

Heb 11:1 - without faith it is impossible to please Him

Isa 55:10-11 - As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

1 Cor. 10:1-6

1. For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

2. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

3. They all ate the same spiritual food

4. and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

5. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

6. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.

2 Tim 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Cor. 2:12 - We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

### **1.) Don't allow the obstacles you see keep you from living in the promised land!**

Numbers 13:1-2

1. The LORD said to Moses,

2. "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."

Numbers 13:3 - So at the LORD's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

Vs. 4 -16 (gives the names and tribes of the 12 spies)

Numbers 13:17-27

17. When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country.

18. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many.

19. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified?

20. How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees on it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

21. So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath.

22. They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23. When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.

24. That place was called the Valley of Eshcol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there.

25. At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

26. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

27. They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

28. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

29. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

Numbers 13:30

30. Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

31. But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

32. And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

33. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Numbers 14:1 - That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.

## **2.) Don't allow comparison of what you have to what others have keep you from living in the promised land!**

Numbers 14:2-5

2. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!

3. Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

4. And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

5. Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.

## **3.) Don't allow fear to take control and keep you from living in the promised land!**

Numbers 14:6-9

6. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

7. and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

8. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.

9. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

Numbers 14:10-11 - But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?"

#### **4.) Don't allow the desire for instant relief to keep you from living in the promised land!**

Heb. 3:7-13

7. So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,
8. do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert,
9. where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did.
10. That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, `Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.'
11. So I declared on oath in my anger, `They shall never enter my rest.'"
  12. See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.
  13. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.