

POSSESSING OUR INHERITANCE

Joshua 15:1-17:18

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Introduction

- The major battles to remove and subdue the inhabitants of Canaan were over.
- It was now time to divide the land so that each tribe could possess its inheritance.

The Land is Inherited as a Gift from God

- The children of Israel received the land of Canaan as a gift from God (1:2).
- They received it but they must now possess it (1:11; 13:1; 18:3).
- Possession implies three things:
 1. You use it as it is intended to be used.
 2. You enjoy it to the fullest.
 3. You retain it, i.e., it is not taken away from you.

Overview of Joshua 15:1-17:18

- The text describes the land allotted to Judah (chap 15) and the land allotted to the sons of Joseph - Ephraim and Manasseh (chap 16 & 17).
- These tribes received the best of the land of Canaan but the text is dotted with "but" and "yet".
- Why did they not possess their full inheritance?

Reasons for Failure

1. They could not (15:63)
2. They did not (16:10)
3. They dared not (17:16)

The Christian's Inheritance; We Have Been Given Spiritual Blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3-23):

- To receive salvation (vv. 4-10) by grace through faith (Eph. 2:1-10);
- To live for God's glory (vv. 6, 12, 14);
- To experience the greatness of God's power (vv. 15-23) to overcome challenges.

Response

- Let us press on to possess our inheritance in Christ.
- Let us consider how our lives can reflect Christ and bring praise to God.
- We Need a Combination of:
 1. We want
 2. We can
 3. We will