

JOSHUA STUDY

CHAPTER 5:1-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Living in the Land of Faith

The Believers life, this side of Jordan, is a life to be Lived by faith, having faith in God.
Canaan Land is a Lesson to all believers that we are Living in the land of Faith.

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

Joshua 1:6

"Be strong and of good courage"

"Faith-land"

The Happiest Place on Earth

Chapter 5 will become one of our most favorite chapters of the entire book. It is Action packed with..... It is Filled with Expectation and Anticipation as the Israelis take the Land of Promise which was promised to them by God, through Abraham

God's Promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:1-2

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. vv 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.... vv. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.....

The 2nd Coming & The Millennial Territory

Isaiah 27:13

So it shall be **in that day**: the great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Syria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

In Our Last Few Studies In:

Joshua 4:1-10

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Life, and What it Should Mean”

reflecting on the work of God in the lives of His people
and telling others about it.

The Search to the Meaning of Life Continues for Most...

1.) That We're All Living at Just the Right Time vv. 1-3

2.) That We're All Living to Make a Difference vv. 4-8

3.) That We're All Living to be Fully Satisfied vv. 9-10

And in Our Last Study In:

Joshua 4:11-24

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Possessing God's Promises”

Stepping out in faith to take the promises of faith which God has Given
to all those who trust in Him.

Marked by Memorials

1.) Possessing God's Promises Demands Our Effort v. 11-13

2.) Possessing God's Promises Requires Obedience v. 14-18

3.) Possessing God's Promises Gives Us His Peace v. 19-20

The Reading of the Text

1 So it was, when **all the kings of the Amorites** who were on the west side of the Jordan, **and all the kings of the Canaanites** who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel. 2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. 6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD-- to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey." 7 Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. 8 So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. 9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 So the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

The Scriptures Speak of Jesus

John 5:39

"You search **the Scriptures**, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Hebrews 10:7 & Psalm 40

'Behold, I have come -- and in the volume of **the book** it is written of Me

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all **the promises of God** in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Living in the Land of Faith

1.) Means that **We're to Rest** in what God has Done vv. 1

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a.) **Rest** Because God is True and Men Will Bow v.1

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The World Has Heard of Our God - Above All gods !!!

the Amorites -- the Canaanites

They Didn't Have Much to Boast In and Of their gods

If We Are Wrong - Then Big Deal.

But if you're Wrong - What a Fool

Romans 14:11

For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Living in the Land of Faith

2.) Means that We're to Draw Closer to God

vv. 2-5

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised.

a.) A Invitation to Draw Closer by Faith

v.2-3

At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

“At that time”

Now already in the land

I Think Joshua Thought that he had a Bad Connection;

“Now God, Wait Just One Minute Here” We just crossed over the Jordan River into Enemy Territory, they Freaked, Let's Attack

The Other Nations are Huge in Height and in Number

What I think You're trying to say is:

Attack the Enemy!

"Joshua, Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise these “sons of Pagans”

Isaiah 55:8-9

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

No Josh, I Know What's Best for You and the Men

Now That They Had Moved Out in Faith,
It was Time to Cut Away The Dead and Meaningless Flesh

The Flesh Served No Purpose

The circumcision of the flesh was an Outward Symbol
of the internal, cutting away of the carnal nature of the human heart

Drawing Closer to God

is an invitation to the Death of Self

Deuteronomy 10:16

"Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

Mark 8:34-35

34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Jeremiah 4:4

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your hearts,

It's Easy to Trust in The Outward Only

Revelation 3:14-17

14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'-- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-

Romans 2:28-29

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

We Are to Trust in Christ Alone
Faith Plus Nothing Equals Salvation

Outward Circumcision, Communion, and Baptism are only symbolic announcements that an internal, spiritual transformation has already taken place

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said to them, #1 "**Repent**, and let every one of you #2 **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and #3 you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

b.) Faithless Religion Holds no Value to God v.4-5a

And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised...

And this is the reason "**Why**" Joshua circumcised them:

Their faith in God qualified them for circumcision (baptism)
your faith today in God either qualifies you as a Christian or your unbelief in God disqualifies you as a child of God

Your Personal True Genealogy has nothing to do with your pedigree,
your education, or your standing in the public's eye - nothing!

Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

Living in the Land of Faith

3.) Means that **We're to be Free** from our Flesh vv. 6-9

For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, **because** they did not obey the voice of the LORD-- to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey." 7 Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. 8 So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. 9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

a.) Freed From Our Sins Because He Has Freed Us v.6

For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD -- to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

But We Must Receive His Gift

Hebrews 4:1-3

1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

??? What Sin or Sinful Practice Has You Bound ???

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Samson was bound by sin -
until he was freed by trusting God again

Verse 7-9

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The Reproach
was the Embarrassment of the Wilderness Wanderings

Jesus has Completed the Work in Us - Go toward It

Colossians 2:11-13

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Living in the Land of Faith

4.) Means that **We're to Enjoy Our Life, in Christ** vv. 10-12

So the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

a.) **True Joy is In Following God - Contentment!**

v.10

So the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho

Romans 15:4

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

1 Corinthians 10:11

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

- They Had Crossed Over the Jordan (Judgement)
- They Had Entered the Promised land (New Life)
- They Had Been Called to Circumcision (A Deeper Walk)

Galatians 2:20-21

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Real Joy and Enjoyment >>>>> Happiness <<<<<<

Romans 6:11

Likewise, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Have You Ever Seen a Dead Man *Struggle With a Gallon of Baskin-Robbins Pralines and Cream Ice Cream?*

You Can put It Right Alongside His Head

Being Dead to the Things of this World is.... FREEDOM

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

There is the Baptism of the Spirit once and for all

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body

Then There is the Baptism of Christ

Acts 1:4-5

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Wilderness Wanderings due to unbelief and disobedience

b.) True Joy is Enjoying What God Provides

v.11

And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day.

It Was Celebrated on the First Day of the Week,
the next day after the Sabbath - Sunday,
the First Day of the Week!

Matthew 28:1-6

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Verse 12

Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

the more we learn to enjoy our Christian journey,
the more we're set apart by the world as an enigma

Then the manna ceased -
every morning, for nearly 40 years, the manna had descended down from heaven to feed the nation Israel.

It was sent from heaven to earth
and it would settle on the ground before them

At Arms Length for All Men

Not up in the mountains ~ Not deep in some valley ~ Not high in the trees
but on the ground, in the front of every man's tent...
You had to either step over it or pick it up and eat it

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

There is a Better Bread Than Angels Bread

John 6:31-35

31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:48-51

"I am the bread of life. 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;

Revelation 2:17

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of **the hidden manna** to eat.

The Manna in the Holy Place was Supernaturally Preserved by God

~~~ it was hidden from public view ~~~

## Jesus is the Hidden Manna of Revelation 2

Acts 3:19-21

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Job 23:12

I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Hebrews 9:11-12

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:24

24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

Colossians 3:1-2

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

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The End