

LEAVING EGYPT TO POSSESS THE LAND

When we left Egypt to possess the Land God has promised us, we had to cross the waters of the Red Sea and of the Jordan River. Water speaks of purification, cleansing. When we go through the Red Sea, we are being brought to life, as in the case of Lazarus, when Jesus called him forth from the dead. Here we are called forth from death to life; Just like it was with Lazarus when Jesus told the people to remove the burial cloths from his face and from the rest of his body, so we too need to have those removed from us to cross the Jordan to possess the Land. By crossing the final water of the “Jordan river”, we are being baptized and sanctified by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. So we are dead with Christ when we cross the Red Sea and we are raised with Him when we cross the Jordan in preparation to possess the Land.

As we pass through the waters of the Jordan, God will circumcise our hearts, and will “roll away” the disgrace and blame of a guilty conscience, we have being carrying with us, just like the Israelites did for forty years while they passed through the desert to possess the land God had promised them.

To be spiritually circumcised is to have the Jericho’s wall of our lives brought down. This enemy separates us from the love of God, from His peace and sanctification. Israel was circumcised before they fought Jericho and we too cannot fight the enemy of our souls if our hearts are not circumcised.

Many of the problems we face are the results of unresolved and present sins. On our knees we beg God for relieve and deliverance, and we cry to Him, but we don’t hear Him saying to us, “Get up, why do you lie on your face”? You have sinned against Me, against My holiness. That’s why you cannot overcome this problem, or enemy. “Get up and be sanctified” through repentance and confession of your sins. “You cannot stand before your enemies, until **you take away from among you the things devoted to destruction**”. Sin is a “thing devoted to destruction”.

To possess the Land God commands us to

Be faithful to His Word – (Joshua 1:9)

Be courageous with faith – faith it is the covering shield of salvation (Joshua 1:9)
Be sanctified- (Joshua 3:5)

Joshua told the Israelites, “In **three days** you shall pass over this Jordan to take possession of the land”. **Three** days is completion, it is resurrection day. We are now on the **third day**; we are coming to the end of our journey. God said to Moses, “Go and sanctify the people (the church being sanctified by the Holy Spirit) today, tomorrow (2 days of two thousand years) and let them wash their clothes and be ready by the **third day**, for on the **third day** the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all people” (Exodus19:10-11). On the **third day** the Lord Jesus will come for us! Jesus said, “**On the third day** I will rise from the dead (Luke 24: 46b). And here we wait when we too will rise from the dead, to be with Him always, forever and ever! I say **HALLELUIA!** How about you?

THINK ABOUT IT!

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