

“MUCH LAND TO BE POSSESSED”

Joshua 13:1

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INTRODUCTION

1. Look and talk about the text – Deut. 31: 1 – 6.
2. Just as Israel under Joshua still had much land to possess, so does the child of God today and the church.
3. Let us look at some of the “land” we need to possess.

I. THE LAND OF “BIBLE KNOWLEDGE”

- a. Member of the church, are you satisfied with the Bible knowledge you possess?
- b. Can you talk to your friends about the Bible and give a reason for what you believe? – I Pet. 3:15.
- c. Jesus invites us to *“learn of Me”* – Matt. 11:29.
- d. Paul – Eph. 4:20.
- e. David – Psa. 119: 11; Psa. 1: 1 – 2.
- f. The Hebrews were rebuked because they had not possessed the “land” of Bible knowledge – Heb. 5: 11 – 14.
- g. Paul to Timothy – 2 Tim. 2;15; I Tim. 3:13.
- h. What are you doing about possessing the “land” of Bible knowledge?
 - i. Do you attend all the Bible classes?
 - ii. Do you attend all the services?

II. THE LAND OF “PERSONAL WORK”

- a. Dan. 12:3 – *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”*
- b. Prov. 11: 30.
- c. David – Psa. 51: 9 – 13.
- d. Jesus – John 5: 34 – 35.
- e. Paul – Acts 20:20.
- f. The Jerusalem church – Acts 8: 1 -4.
- g. No congregation today is going to grow that does not do personal work.

III. THE LAND OF “CONGREGATIONAL WORK”

- a. Each local congregation must be busy preaching the word of God – Phil. 1: 5; 4: 14 – 17; I Tim. 3:15; I Thess. 1:8; Acts 11:26.
- b. Each congregation must be busy edifying its members – Eph. 4: 11 – 12.
- c. Each congregation must take care of its own needy.

IV. THE LAND OF “PERSONAL PURITY”

- a. Without personal purity no man will see God – Heb. 12:14.

- b. The Christian must flee lust – 2 Tim. 2:22; I Cor. 6:18; I Tim. 6: 9 – 12.
- c. Col. 3: 5 – 6; I Pet. 2:1.
- d. Christians need to see how far they can get from sin, and not how close they can get to it – I Thess. 5:22.
- e. I Cor. 6: 9 – 10.

CONCLUSION

Some of us who are Christians may be growing old like Joshua and still have much land to possess.

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