

AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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Topic: Claiming God's Inheritance

Opening Prayer:

Psalm 16:5-6

"The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance."

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our portion and for securing our future. Open our hearts to see the inheritance You have laid out for us in Your Word. Help us to trust in Your guidance and walk faithfully in Your promises. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Read: Joshua 18:1-10

Have you ever felt like you were on the brink of receiving something good, but hesitated to take hold of it? This was the situation for seven of the tribes of Israel in Joshua 18. Although God had already given them the land as an inheritance, they were slow to claim it.

Joshua's question to the tribes is a strong one: "How long will you put off going in to take possession of the land, which the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you?" (Joshua 18:3). God's promise was clear, but the people hesitated. The issue wasn't God's faithfulness in giving, but their willingness to claim what was already theirs.

In the Hebrew text, the word for "put off" (נִרְפִּיתֶם, nirpitem) can also mean "to be slack, lazy, or negligent." Joshua was not just pointing out their delay but challenging their passivity. They needed to trust God's promise, rise in faith, and take action.

This passage is not just about ancient history—it challenges us today. What promises of God are we slow to claim? Maybe it's trusting Him for provision, stepping into a ministry, or fully surrendering our lives to Him. Like the Israelites, we may be living with the assurance of God's promise but lack the faith to act on it.

Joshua's solution was practical and spiritual. He sent men to survey the land and bring back a report. This wasn't just a military strategy; it was a call to action grounded in God's promise. By taking those steps, they moved from passivity to possession.

In the same way, we are called to move forward in faith. God has already given us everything we need in Christ (2 Peter 1:3), but it's up to us to walk in that truth and claim our spiritual inheritance.

Conclusion:

God's promises require our participation. We are not waiting for Him to give; He is waiting for us to move in faith and take hold of what He has already given. Don't let fear, doubt, or complacency keep you from the abundant life God has for you.

Discussion Questions:

For Students:

What areas in your life are you hesitant to trust God's promises? How can you take action in faith?

For Parents:

How can you lead your family in claiming God's promises and not holding back?

For Professionals:

Are there areas of your career or calling where you feel hesitant to trust God? How can you step out in faith this week?

Identify one promise from God's Word that you've been slow to claim. Write it down, pray over it, and take one step this week toward claiming that promise.

Trust God to lead you as you step out in faith.