

Week 13 - Entering the Promised Land

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In your Bible: Numbers 27; Deuteronomy 5,18,30,31-34; Joshua 1,3,4

Lesson Summary: Moses encouraged the people to be faithful to God's commands and reminded them of God's promises. Before Moses died, God showed him Canaan. With Joshua as their new leader, God led the Israelites across the Jordan River by making a dry path for them.

Before Moses died he reminded the Israelites of God's promise to send a Savior (Deuteronomy 18:15,18) and His promise to give the Israelites the land of Canaan (Deuteronomy 31:3 and Joshua 1:5,6). Moses assured the Israelites that God would keep his promises to them.

God keeps his promises to us also. But how can we be sure? How can we be sure that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake? Read 1 John 1:7 where the Bible says "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." How can I be sure that Jesus will come again? In Job, Chapter 19, verse 25 the Bible says "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth." How can I be sure that God will take me to heaven? In Revelation, chapter 2, verse 10 it says: "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown." That's right, we can be sure that God will keep his promises because he tells us so in the Bible.

Studying the Bible and memorizing Bible verses can encourage us and others during hard times. Although Moses did not enter Canaan, he did enter the promised land of heaven. As the new leader of the Israelites, God promised Joshua that He would be with him and give the Israelites the land of Canaan. In some ways we are like the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. As we travel through our lives, we can't find the way to heaven on our own. We face many dangers from sin and the devil. And at times our faith is weak, and we grumble against the Lord.

Throughout our lives we can be sure that God will be with us just as he was with the Israelites, until at last he takes us home to heaven.

"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"

- Matthew 28:20b

Then and Now worksheet- Complete the worksheet or use it as a discussion guide to review the lesson by comparing ourselves to the Israelites and contrasting our lives on earth to eternal life in heaven.

Answers:

Part One THEN: Moses (or Joshua), with, Savior, Canaan; NOW: Holy Word, with, Jesus, die (or pay), Heaven.

Part Two: EARTH: sickness, crying, death, loneliness, hunger; HEAVEN: eternity, singing, happiness, God, perfect

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