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THE WORD OF FAITH

Possess the Land

— by Kenneth Hagin

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

-Mark 11:23

There are three important statements in this verse.

WHOSOEVER:

- 1) ...shall not doubt in his heart,
- 2) ...shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass,
- 3) ...shall have whatsoever he saith.

Take it in reverse. What is it that you are going to have? What you say!... If what you said with your mouth is a result of what you believed in your heart. This is God's inevitable law of faith. It works!

Let's look at a proof text from the Old Testament. Please read Numbers 13:26 - 14:9.

Israel had come out of Egypt. They were on their way to their home land, Canaan, which God had promised them. God had said to them, "I will give you the land." They came to a place called Kadesh-Barnea. From there they sent twelve men into the land of promise to spy it out.

Two out of the twelve spies brought back a good report. Ten brought back an evil report. The ten reported that it was a land flowing with milk and honey all

right. (They brought back some of the giant clusters of grapes and pomegranates and the fruit of the land.) BUT---there were giants there!

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. -Numbers 13:30-31

Caleb said, "We can do it."
The ten said, "We cannot do it."

Jesus said, "You can have what you say."

The thing that defeats many Christians is they constantly live on the negative side of life. They are always talking about what I can't do, and what I don't have, and what I am not---rather than talking about what I am, and what I do have, and what I can do, and what belongs to me.

Caleb said, "Let's go up at once and possess the land for we are well able to overcome it." The other ten spies said, "We are not able to go against them. We can't do it." This works either on the negative or on the positive side.

Each individual in this case got exactly what he said. The ten got exactly what they said. They said, "We can't." Reading on into the 14th chapter you will find that Israel accepted the majority report. When they

did, that was tantamount to their saying the same thing the ten said, "We can't do it." And they got exactly what they said. That was as far as they went. They wandered in the wilderness until every single man in that older generation from twenty years of age and upward died. They never went a step further toward God's promised land. They never went a step further toward entering into the promised provisions of God.

There is something we need to look at here which folks often have a wrong idea about. Canaan Land is not a type of heaven. Because the Israelites did not enter into the promised provisions of God does not mean that they were lost and unsaved.

I remember singing as a young denominational preacher what was practically our theme song:

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and
cast a wistful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where
my possessions lie,
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land,
Oh, who will come and go with me,
I am bound for the promised land.

We thought Canaan's land was a type of heaven. Now I look back and wonder why we ever thought that. We believed what we had been told. We were "religiously" brainwashed and not "scripturally" taught.

It dawned on me one day. Canaan's land could not possibly be a type of heaven. How in the world could it be a type of heaven? When we get to heaven there won't be any more battles to fight.

...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them.
-Revelation 14:13

There won't be any battles to fight. There won't be any cities to take. There won't be any enemies in the land. There are no giants in heaven to oppose you. They are down here in this world.

No Canaan's land is not a type of heaven. It couldn't be. Canaan's land is a type of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You see, God said to Israel when they came out of Egypt:

10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven.
-Deuteronomy 11:10-11

The rain of heaven is the Holy Ghost. He then went on to promise them the early and the latter rain which is the outpouring of the Holy Ghost (Deut. 11:14).

And so Canaan's land is a type of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of our rights and privileges in Christ Jesus, which includes Divine healing and all the other provisions that are ours in this land. But, you see, you have to possess it.

Caleb said, "Let us go up at once and possess it. We are able to do it." God had said to Israel, "I'll give you the land"; but they had to do the possessing of it.

I have heard so many people say, "Well, if the Lord wants me to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, He will give it to me."

I have heard some say, "If the Lord wants to heal me, He will heal me. I'm just leaving, it up to Him. If He wants to do it, He'll do it. I want everything He has for me."

Yes, but if you get it, you will have to possess it. If you don't ever possess it, you won't ever get it. YOU do the possessing. God said, "I am going to give you the land, but you will have to possess it." Caleb said, "Let us go up at once and possess it." We will have to possess our possessions or we will never get them.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

-1 Timothy 4:8, 15

"...The life that now is...." That means right here where we are living--in this life. Having promise of the life that now is! And so, I want the blessings of God.

Many, many years ago, almost forty, the devil came to me and said, "How do you know there is a heaven? You have never been there. You have never seen it. How do you know what it is going to be like?"

I told him that I believed what the Bible said about heaven but he still persisted.

"Well," I said, "I am going to tell you something, Mr. Devil. God made some promises to me in this life and I have proved every one of them out. I am enjoying all the promises He said I could in this life and if it works in this life, it will work in the next one."

You know, he shut up and left and has never bothered me since along this line

If the Word of God works in this life and you enjoy all the promises He has promised you in this life, you don't have to

worry about the promises of the next life. That will work too.

I can understand, however, how some dear folks would be in doubt. They live on such a low plane in this life; so robbed through doubt and unbelief of what God has for them.

Joshua said:

19 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

-Numbers 14:9

Adding what Joshua said to what Caleb said, they said, "We are able to overcome because the Lord is with us." We are not bragging on what we can do by our natural strength and in our own natural selves. Our confidence is in the Lord. He is with us. He is sufficient. He is able and my faith is in Him.

There is so much in this passage of scripture but I want you to notice this in particular. Here are twelve individuals. Two of them said one thing. Ten of them said something else. Israel accepted the majority report and said what the ten said. And all of them got exactly what they said.

Caleb and Joshua were held back temporarily by the unbelief of the others, but, bless God, they finally prevailed. You may be temporarily bothered and held back because of doubt and unbelief around you. But if you persist in faith, you will eventually rise to the top. Caleb and Joshua were the only two of the older group who entered into Canaan's land. They got

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exactly what they said. The others said, "We can't. We can't make it. We can't do it. The giants are there." And they got exactly what they said.

It is going to work for you on one side or the other; the positive or the negative. It not only is going to work for you; it is working for you right now. Check up on yourself. If you don't like what is in your life, quit talking as you are; because you are the one who is creating it. The confessions of your own

faith (what you say is your faith talking) fix the landmarks of your life.

God didn't decree that this older generation of Israelites would not go into Canaan's land. God's perfect will for them was that they go in. They are the ones who fixed the landmarks of their own lives. You do not receive from God beyond what you say. "...He shall have whatsoever he saith...." These men fixed the landmarks of their own lives. ♣

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Testimonies in Brief

I received a copy of your Word of Faith letter (December 1972) and I was really blessed by the simple but clear and revealing message of the birth, preexistence and glorification of our Savior Jesus.

I really liked the part about the joy Jesus had to dwell among men to give them a true conception of God and how much God desired their fellowship.

More and more I am getting to know Jesus better as a PERSON. For 23 years I, being a Jew, held to the idea that Jesus was nothing more than a traitor to the Jewish people and died a martyr. Never had I opened the pages of the New Testament to see why He did come to this earth. For years I hated that name. Now it is the sweetest name I know. It has brought me deliverance from drugs, the occult and bondage to the powers of darkness. I am still learning about the blessed Messiah and hope to share this message of salvation with the Jewish people.

God bless you, love in Jesus,

God was right when he told you to repeat the lessons over and over. When I first heard you a year ago, I was not ready for your detailed teaching. I had too many basics to learn as my life was upside down till Christ became really real to me through the baptism. The devil also used your strong southern accent to hold me back from listening. Now there is no such problem. Thank God now I can believe God for miracles every day.

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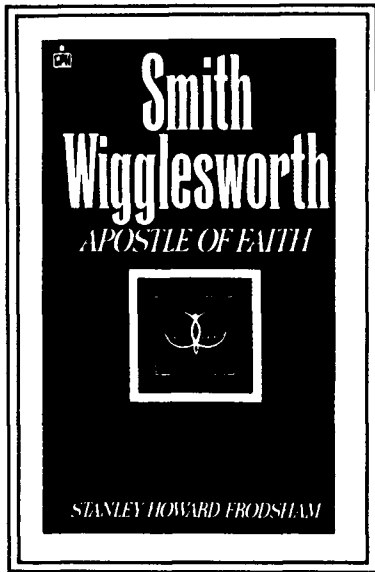
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It is when we believe that something happens!

God wants you so full of the Spirit that your whole life is praise!

You are bound forever by loyalty to God to see that no schism shall come into the body---the church.

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