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Joshua - Lesson 13**What are you talking about?**

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We will begin this lesson in Joshua 5:12 *And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.* When God works a miracle, it is necessary. They desired food so God provided manna in the wilderness. They had no crops and no opportunity to farm or grow the necessary grain and vegetables. They are in Canaan-land; they are going to settle down to plant and then harvest. Now God stops the manna. God is not going to work a miracle in your life if you do not need one. He expects day-to-day obedience to His word and the day-to-day conformity to the commands of scripture. He is not going to send a miracle just for your entertainment or your amusement. That is the sad thing about all this foolishness that is taking place on religious TV. God is not working miracles everyday just so you can hoot and holler and have a good time; He is going to work a miracle only when it is necessary.

Joshua 5:13 *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

Joshua 6:1 *Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. 2 And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. 5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horns, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.*

6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord. 7 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the Lord.

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8 *And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.*

9 *And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.*

10 *And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 11 So the ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.*

12 *And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. 13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the Lord, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. 14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days. 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city.*

17 *And the city shall be accursed, even it..., Joshua 6:20. So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.*

We have been trying for many lessons in this book of Joshua to understand how God would transport us from being carnally minded to being spiritually minded, how God would enable a group of people who had been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb to be delivered from the bondage of Egypt, and how God would enable saved people to live as inheritors of His promises. We have come to the sad but honest conclusion that most saved people live like lost people because they choose too. Our thought life, our interests, our actions, our conduct – We might clean up a few things on the outside – our thought life, interests, actions and conduct; but as far as the measure of our devotion to God, as far as the loving our neighbor as ourselves, as far as the absence of pride and self-will there is very little difference between the average saved person and the average lost person.

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We have been trying to learn from this book of Joshua how it is that God can change our thinking, change our heart, so our conduct is instinctively different.

It is not God's will that we choose to sin, then confess and ask forgiveness at the end of the day, only to repeat the same actions the next day. (James 1:23-24) God would rather have us reach the end of the day having no sins to apologize for. The natural man says to himself, "I will stop committing the five big sins, and that should please God." But that does not please God, because HE knows you are capable of doing much more by yielding to the Holy Spirit which HE has given you. It is God's desire that the Holy Ghost so rule and control our hearts, that all those little secret inward sins that grieve the Holy Spirit be conquered.

In Lesson 4 of our Doctrinal series the statement is made in the T/F section, "I must get more of God's Holy Spirit each day," which we know by now is false. It is our responsibility to yield our lives to the Holy Spirit, so He can get more of us.

In the above passage, we have the first real victory on the part of God's people. It stands to be an example to us of how God will grant us victory over sin in our lives. Joshua 5:13 Joshua is standing upon the promises of God. He was told in by God in Joshua 1:5, ***There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*** That is a great promise but only if you believe, otherwise it does not count for anything; it is just words on a page. Joshua looks towards Jericho and sees a man standing there with a sword drawn in his hand. Joshua is ready to chop his head off. Why? Because God said not to be afraid of any man. Joshua is claiming God's promise and then acting upon that promise. God has given us promises, and if we act upon them in the same manner, God will give us the victory. Of course our battle is not with other people. Our battle is with our carnal flesh and its desire to stay just as a natural man, as influenced by the continual bombardment of our forefather the devil and the influences of the world. (Ephesians 6:12)

It is more comfortable to just allow our flesh to dictate our actions. Let's say your sin is anger, and each time you let it flare up, you excuse yourself by saying, "I have always had a bad temper," Maybe you cuss on occasions and then you excuse yourself by saying, "I know I am not supposed to do that, but it just slipped out." Maybe lust is your sin, as you stare at something you desire, coveting your wants. Your excuses of, "Oh, I still love God, and He made me this way," are unacceptable. God has given you the Holy Spirit as a power source in your life to STOP that type of sin that is displeasing to a Holy God.

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The word came to Elisha that a big battle was about to take place, and Elisha's armourbearer was a little worried and he saw the big army out there. Elisha said, *"Do not worry. They that be with us are greater than they that be with them!"* 2 Kings 6:16 *And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.* 17 *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.* 18 *And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.* Elisha said, "See, I told you – we have them outnumbered." With Joshua there is no huge army, just a man standing in his way, confirming that he is the captain of the Lord's host and that he is here on the scene to fight this battle against Jericho. What a thrill of encouragement that must have been to Joshua's heart and to the heart of the people as he came back reporting that news. We are not left alone to do this fighting; **God** has sent **His** army to fight for us. Praise the Lord!

You and I are not here to conquer cities. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal; our enemies are not carnal or physical. We are wrestling against the influence of principalities and powers. We are wrestling against the temptation of Satan with the lusts of our own flesh; **God**, with His armies, are on the scene to give you victory over your addictions, habits, lusts, your personality, your temperament, your bitterness, fault-finding, pride and your despair. **God is able** to give you the victory. In fact He told Joshua, in chapter 6, verse number 2, "Before you walk one time around that city, know this, the city is yours. All I want you to do is worship me." What did the Lord say? "I want you to worship me!"

Stop meditating on your sin! Stop entertaining the thoughts pertaining to that sin. – **Worship God!** Worshipping replaces desire, replaces temptation, replaces wrong attitudes and replaces wrong thinking. You will be amazed how, when you *"turn your eyes upon Jesus and look full in His wonderful face, that the things of the earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."*

Reading about the devil, unclean spirits and thinking about the power of the evil one is a huge waste of time. The Bible says that my Saviour triumphed over them openly and that He has **all** power in heaven and on earth. So I do not need to claim the blood or the verse of the day; I do not need to put oil on my forehead; I do not need to hold my breath when I go by a cemetery. Jesus Christ the Lord is **superior!** God wants us to be occupied with what He is waiting to give us, rather than with the enemies that are there trying to stop us!

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Every minute you spend meditating on people who have hurt you or your loved ones is a wasted minute. God wants us to worship Him.

We need to stop complaining. You are **not** going to leave the carnal mind and enter the spiritual mind until you stop griping, just as the Children of Israel did not leave the wilderness to step into the Promised Land until they stopped griping. God will never be pleased when He hears griping about what you do not have or about what someone did to you or how they treated you. He wants your mouth praising Him. We are saved, going to heaven, born again, washed in the blood, have eternal life. God has given us His Holy Spirit to strengthen us daily for the challenges we are faced with. And what comes out of our mouths in the course of a day?

We gripe anytime we feel that we have been offended, ignored, or not recognized; we complain if someone is rich and has more than us or has had more opportunities than us; we have gripe about our health, our social status, even our own choices. Sadly we often purposely turn our complaint towards God, blaming Him for not making things go our way. As long as you're complaining, you cannot be spiritually minded; as long as you are complaining, you will never get out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. You will never get spiritual as long as you are kidding yourself into thinking you are. You are never going to know the power of God in your life as you are deceiving yourself and others into thinking you are spiritual. If your desire is to overcome the carnal mind – and we really hope it is – sell out to God, be as right with God as you are supposed to be, give Him all the glory and take none for yourself. Do you know what Jesus said in Luke 17:10? *So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.*

Start by confessing to God that you are still a self-loving, self-centered, carnally minded dweller in the wilderness. Stop trying to fool yourself and God, stop even thinking about it. Every moment spent meditating on your goodness is a moment loss to the worship of God. 1 Corinthians 15:57 *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.* Take off your shoes and get on your face and worship God, or spend the rest of your life in the wilderness with your carnal mind.

Notes

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with answer in your own words.

1. Can evil spirits enter into the body of a born again Christian?
2. How can born again Christians act like they are not saved?
3. define the following words:
 - a. carnal mind*
 - b. natural man
 - c. spiritual
4. When does God work miracles?
5. When we think of our day to day conduct, how do we consider ourselves?
 - a. natural
 - b. carnal
 - c. spiritual
6. What angered the Lord about the children of Israel in the wilderness?

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7. What is the Holy Spirit trying to do in each of our lives every-day?
8. Explain what the devil uses to dictate some of our actions?
9. Why is it so important for us not to meditate, think on or dwell on sin?
10. What steps should we take to draw near to God?
11. Why should we not learn anything about the devil or his followers?
12. Why does complaining destroy our fellowship with God?

True/false

- It is OK for me to lose my temper.
- If I do not get the attention I am deserved, I will not like that person.
- God hates complainers.
- God hates liars.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) 1 Corinthians 2:14; Luke 17:10; Matthew 12:36

any questions?