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**Joshua - Lesson 4  
Carnal vs. Spiritual**

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Joshua chapter 1 As we teach through these verses, we knowingly are going to have a difficult time trying to make you understand that there is more to this Christian life, than salvation. I appreciate your desire for the things of God. Nothing else in this world is going to satisfy you; nothing else in this world but a right relationship with the Lord.

It is virtually impossible to explain the contrast between working for God in the flesh and working for God in the spirit. During your diligence of reading the Bible and applying its' truths in your life will bring you to the point where you can experience it. It will not happen just in prayer, though prayer is one of many Bible truths you must apply.

Joshua 1:3-4 *Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.* The possession is there. It is promised. They must go forth and lay hold on it., *4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.* Do you realize that is more land than they can farm, more land than their cattle can graze upon, more land than they can develop. God has blessings for you in greater abundance than your ability and your capability to take them all in. You and I must have everlasting life just to enjoy all that God has for us. How can we be given all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3) and take all that in, in this lifetime? It cannot be done. God has **more** for us than we are able to appropriate.

Verse 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.* Verse 5 says there is no one dwelling in Canaan-land; that is present day Jordan, Iran, Iraq, – God said, there is nobody living there, that can stop anyone of you from occupying all of that land. Why then did an entire generation die in the wilderness without entering into and conquering that Promised Land? – There is an enemy that this Israelite nation faced that was capable of defeating them. It was not the Canaanite tribes, the giants dwelling in that land; it was their own unbelief. That enemy was greater than all of those marching against them on the other side of the Jordan River.

The spiritual application is simple, the lost man, pictured by Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh. By the blood of the Lamb, he is delivered from bondage, now he is a saved man; baptism (not water baptism) at the waters of the Red Sea pictures his separation from that old life (remember the water never touched them). Here he is wandering around in the wilderness bound

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by unbelief. There is nothing to stop him from entering into the spiritual life and enjoying the blessings of God. There is nothing in this world that can keep him carnally minded if he desires to be spiritually minded, but millions upon millions of Christians come short of living in God's blessings. Not because of some external enemy that is too powerful for us to defeat but because of our own unbelief. The most powerful enemy you face in your spiritual life is your unbelief as a saved man, your unbelief as a saved woman. ***“Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”*** Greater words have never been spoken by mortal man. (Mark 9:24b)

The disciples of Jesus in Mark 4 had enough faith to get on the ship and cross to the other side and when the storm hit, they panicked and Jesus said, how is it that you have no faith. (Mark 4:40) Lazarus is dead. Jesus said I know that; I can raise Him up. “Well Lord, we believe that you can raise him up, in the resurrection at the last day.” Roll the stone away right now. “Lord, it's been four days, he stinks by now.” Do you know what they believed? They believed in a God that could take care of things in the resurrection but not in a God who could take of things now. (John 11:39) And all through your Bible you see this illustrated problem – it is our unbelief. Not my unbelief that Jesus can save me and take me to heaven but my unbelief that Jesus Christ can so fill my life that I never again have any appetite for drink, smoke, or lust.

Can you see the difference between doing right because it is mandated by a God that we fear or doing right without having to give it a second thought because the Lord rules in our hearts? One is the carnal mind; the other is the spiritual mind. The carnal mind is likened as the law is likened in Galatians to a child under tutors or a servant under a master. (Galatians 4:2)

The Bible says here is a servant; here is a slave they both get up in the morning doing what they are supposed to do. They do what they are supposed to do because they are afraid not to do so. At the end of the day when they are done with everything that was commanded of them to do, They have not had any joy in doing that which is right – not one minute of that day did they enjoy it. There are Christians in every church in America who are carnally minded and they are dressing right, acting right, reading their Bible not going to worldly places after work. Yet there is no joy in their lives. Because they were made to do it by a God they are afraid of. Or compelled to do it by peer pressures so they continue to keep up this guise of spirituality where there is no joy in that at all.

One day you know, that carnal minded Christian decides he is tired of faking it and pursues something else or he finally realizes that there is more to this Christian life that meets the eye. He just starts doing it because he wants to and his heart just fills with the joy of serving his Lord (Habakkuk 3:18) – I do not know what word you could put for it. But there is a certain joy

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that comes from having done what you were supposed to do without anybody making you do it. (Exodus 15:2) There is a certain joy that comes into the Christian life when all of a sudden you find that I did not do that so that anybody would know I did it or to impress anyone with my spirituality – I did it just because I love the Lord enough to do what pleases Him and in comes this rush of contentment along with satisfaction like nothing you have ever experienced since you were saved. That is the Lord's desire of in our life.

Now the scripture says in Joshua 1:6-8. ***Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.*** Joshua is a type of Jesus Christ; the Father gives all the blessings into his hand and he divides them up among the people, among the believers, among the church. ***7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee:*** Jesus Christ did, praise the Lord – ***...turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*** This is the entry to Canaan Land – this is the transport, if you will, from the carnal mind into the spiritual mind. I must wage war against myself on behalf of the Holy Spirit, in order to defeat the one and only enemy that can keep me from the spiritual life. That enemy is my old man and my old way of thinking. This notion that there is no fight involved, no battle involved is a hoax (1 Peter 2:11) it is just a matter of turning it all over to the Lord, let him fight your battles.

Turn to Hebrews 4:10-. This is the New Testament commentary on the entering of Canaan Land. ***10, For he that is entered into his rest*** (That is resting control of my life entirely in the person of the Lord.) ***...entering into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*** Now watch. ***11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*** Christian, God has a rest for you, He will give you rest. You have to labour to enter into that rest. The carnally minded Christian is lazy, he would rather just say a prayer and deceive him or herself into believing the change happened automatically. The carnal Christian can do nothing and still go to church, read the Bible five or ten minutes a day, and the blessings of God in their life will continue, why would they want to go where they have never gone before. Why should I fight my thought life; fight my desires this life is good enough for me, unfortunately you are carnal.

The Lord said, “if you want to enter into His rest, you are going to have to labor. You have to work on some things in your life.” (Romans 8:7; Ephesians 4:31)

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John 6:27. It is not all just sitting back and letting it happen. ***27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life...*** Do you know what the Lord just said? Labour for that which is eternal. Look at it, John 6:27, ***Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life...*** God said, labour for that meat. Work to rest. Labour to be spiritual. Toil to be victorious. ***Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.*** You say, "Well the Lord's just going to give it to me." He did not say that. He said if you will labour for it, He will reward you. "If you will cross the Jordan and tread upon that land and take up a sword against the Ammonites, I will defeat them and give you their land or you can just sit out here in this wilderness, doing the same this with no reward.

You say you want to be a great prayer warrior, a great soul winner, a great street preacher, great door knocker, then I hear them say, give me a book to teach me, you do not need a book, just get up off the couch and go out a do it. I read an account of "Praying Hyde" he was famous around the world for his power in prayer. Some preachers held a big convention one time men came from all over the country to hear Hyde speak on prayer. They had singers all this big fan-fair, when it came time for Hyde to stand up and tell how he became a great Prayer warrior Hyde took the stage surveyed the great congregation that was there and when he had their full attention, he said, "Do it." And stepped down and left the building.

What should you do? Go home study the Bible till you have the answer, ask, "Lord, help me never to forget this.

2 Corinthians 5:6-11. ***Therefore we are always confident. Knowing that, whilst we are home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.*** look. ***7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight;)*** Okay? The scripture says, we walk by faith. vs. 8. ***We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*** ***9 Wherefore we labour,*** So walking by faith does not exclude labouring. ***Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.*** ***10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*** ***11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*** Here is what he said. Someday in the near future I will stand at the judgment seat of Christ. Before I get there I am going to do either two things.

1. I am going to walk by faith, labour because if all I do is walk by faith believing that some day God's going to make me spiritual, I am never going to

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be spiritual. Or if all I do is labour and try to make myself spiritual but I never put faith and trust in the word of God, then I will never be spiritual.

2. Instead I labour for eternal meat, I labour to enter into that eternal rest. I labour by faith looking toward the judgment seat of Christ.

Now, what are our areas of labour? Of work? Of combat? Ephesians 1:3, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:* You have all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 6:10-13. *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord (That is Joshua 1.) and in the power of His might 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against (So we do wrestle.) We wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God...* I have been given all spiritual blessings, but the same Book tells me I have to fight to attain them. My fight is not against the government but against *against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places* and how do we fight our enemies? Ephesians 6:13-18, we stand, pray and watch.

If you are not sure of that, look at James 1:12-14. *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted,* this statement stands by itself.

Everyone is tempted, temptation is not a sin. Jesus was tempted; He did not sin. You are tempted – the instruction here is how to make sure you do not sin even though you are tempted. *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.* (James 1:14) Who is the tempter? It is the devil, Satan is the tempter. He is trying to tap into your carnal mind and appeal to me with the chance to do that thing one more time or do some new thing the first time.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Do you want to be spiritually minded to obtain the rest God has for you? Then it is going to take labour work and war with effort.

Notes

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did this lesson teach you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Pick a verse from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament and explain this lesson.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What about the wilderness, it is really that bad? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Explain the two terms:
  - a. Carnal Minded
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Canaan Minded
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. If you had to pick a point in Moses' life where he sealed his fate of not entering into the Promise land, where would it have been? (The answer is not in your lesson, but the application that prevents all of us from entering in to the Promise Land is)

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6. Where does the battle begin?
  
7. What did "Praying Hyde" tell the congregation?
  
8. From not yielding to temptation, what is the first area the Lord has to deal with?
  
9. In your own words explain 2 Corinthians 10: 5 & 6.
  
10. How do we enter into the Lord's rest?

**True/False**

- If I read a chapter a day for the rest of my life, I will someday enter into God's rest?
- We need to fight against bad politics?
- We can be carnally minded sometimes, just not in excess?
- I lose my temper all the time, but that's OK, just as long as I ask for God's forgiveness?



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV) 2 Corinthians 10: 5 - 6; James 1:19

Any questions?