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Joshua - Lesson 5

Your desire

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Canaan-land certainly does not represent heaven; but rather it represents what the Bible calls the spiritually minded man or the spirit life – that is the life of a saved man or saved woman that is controlled by the Lord Jesus Christ. There is only one way to enter that place of spiritual blessing; that is through the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ in accord with the word of God.

The Bible says in Joshua chapter 1:5-8. The middle of the verse says, *as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.* What a great promise from God. He will not fail. He will not forsake. Praise His Name for that. *6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 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: 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.*

God has commanded courage, He does not supply courage. He supplies His word. The Lord says: I am commanding you to be what my word can make you. I am commanding you to live under the control of the influence of my word. The command to be courageous is followed by God's instruction as to how to obey that command.

The fruit of the spirit is love. Do you love those that differ with your standards? The fruit of the spirit is joy. Yet after you have kept all your rules, you have no joy. The fruit of the spirit is peace. You can only have peace in your own home because you cannot get along with anybody else that is not God's peace. Either way the absence of God's word governing your heart and the life leaves you in the wilderness.

God has commanded me to be strong. But He does not give me His strength; He gives me His word. God has commanded me to enter Canaan Land and conquer the enemies that are there – that which would oppose my spiritual life. What weapons does He give me? He gives me His word.

You all know the story of Jericho the children of Israel had weapons swords, spears the weapons of war. God said, (paraphrase) *"here's what I*

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want you to do. I want you to march around that city." Do you know where their strength was? It was in their obedience to the word of God.

Joshua said, "God told you, if you would obey His word, He would fight for you and drive out your enemies. The seventh day they went out and *Joshua said, "This is what we are going to do, we are going to go around seven times and nobody is to say a word.* They silently marched around the city, it had to have been the strangest thing that anybody had ever seen. A million and a half people, spending all day walking around a circle, and not saying a word. After the seventh time the *Lord said, I want you to blow on trumpets.* When they blew those trumpets, the walls fell down. Often in our Christian walk with the Lord, the commands of God seem odd, but if we will do them without questioning Him, we will find that His word is right and ours is wrong. (Proverbs 14:2)

Inmates approach me all the time and say: "*Will you please pray for me?*" "*I have a drinking, drugs, marriage and children problems.*" My prayers are not going to solve your problems, only reading and applying God's word will. We live in a world of quick fix, instant coffee, instant grits, we are all guilty of thinking of God in the same way. Who wants to study the scriptures and apply what they have learned to their life? They just want God to fix the mess they made without any obedience to His word and it will not happen.

Let us turn in our Bible to John chapter 8: When you got saved that was your ticket to heaven when you die, that is all. It does not help you a bit in this life unless you submit yourself to the teachings of the word of God.

The Bible says in John 8, verse 24, Jesus is speaking. *I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.* Let's say you are reading this lesson and you have never been born again, if you do not believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you are going to die in your sins. Unforgiven, unsaved, no eternal life, no place in heaven for you. Nobody wants to go to a place of torment after they die. (Luke 16:23) John 8:30. *As he spake these words, many believed on him.* Praise the Lord. They believed on Him. They do not have to die in their sins. When time comes to die, the eternal penalty for sins, has been paid by Jesus Christ, through your faith in Jesus Christ. However, the verse says nothing about not having to **live** in your sins, now. Oh wilderness wanderers, what are we going to do about **living** in your sins? The eternal penalty for sin is taken care of the moment you get born again. What about the influence, nagging and the lingering effects of sin for the next fifty years down here?

The Bible says in verse 31. *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,* He is addressing believers He is addressing people who have put their faith and trust in Him. To those people, He says, *If* (conditional) *ye*

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continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; Jesus is concerned with the deeds of believers. He wants the deeds of believers to be like His own. He wants you to be a disciple, a disciplined follower of Him. If you do not continue in His word, you cannot be His disciple. If you do not continue in His word, you cannot show forth your relationship to Him in deed. If believers are not obedient to the word, they live in bondage to their sins until they die. Being saved gets me into heaven by the grace of God, but that does not get heaven into me.

When sin in my life meets the truth in the word of God and to be spiritually minded, I must continue in the word. If I do not continue in the word then my deeds will not be those of a disciple I will be saved on my way to heaven but will not be enjoying victory over my enemies.

John 8:32. *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* Do you know what the most important word in that verse is? *And*. He says, ye *shall know the truth (and) the truth* – that first *truth* is Jesus Christ that next *truth* is the word of God – now look, *shall make you free*. If those words are true, I can be a believer and not be free. Is not John 8:31 and 32 a follow-up to believing in verse 30? It sure is. Saved people, cannot get free from pornography, nicotine, alcohol, depression, laziness. They cannot get free from self-love, self-righteousness, their pride – why? Because they turned aside to the right hand or left hand but they are not living in accord with what the word of God says.

Salvation and freedom, do not come together. They are not one in the same. There is a continuation in the word. People never make the connection between I cannot quit losing my temper and I am not witnessing. Does the Bible say witness? Has the Bible commanded you to witness? Well, if you are not obeying the word of God, how are you going to get victory over your temper? Your temper is not your problem – your disobedience to the word of God is your problem. The way to get victory over sin is to obey the word of God. The Lord said, *“Pray without ceasing.”* (1 Thessalonians. 5:17) Do you have a sorry prayer life? Have you said: "I will smoke till I die, nobody is going to tell me I can't." Smoking is not your problem – disobedience is your problem. The Bible says, *“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...”* (Hebrews. 10:25) – you come to church when you feel like it, hit or miss, you do not pay attention when you are there, daydream – and do not fellowship in/out you do not greet anyone, you do not invest anytime and anyone else's life – and then you say, *preacher, you know I got this problem. My wife, she's* Hey. Your problem's not your wife; your problem is your disobedience. If you do not obey the word of God, you cannot get free. Only when you do what God says will He will begin giving you victories.

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Now that you have received the word your soul is saved James 1: 23-24 *For if any be a hearer of the word and not doer he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.* Do you know what the Lord said? It is not enough for you to read your Bible, to go to church. As long as that flesh has dominion, there will never be any victory.

James 1: 25 says, *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty...* What is the law of liberty? If you obey the word of God, Jesus Christ will set you free – that is a fixed law in God's universe. James 1:25 *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and [Now look.] continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.* Watch what God does so you do not err, His example to us is what you see in a mirror remember when you look in the mirror you only see the outside, what you need to see is the inside. What you hear does not affect the outside, it affects the inside. The Lord said, just as surely as a woman in the physical realm, a man in the physical realm looks in the mirror to make sure the outside is what it ought to be, so those of you that are living in the spiritual realm, God wants us to on the inside by hearing His word and doing what He tells us to do.

Why does God use the example of a mirror? Because most of us check the mirror everyday to make sure we look presentable. You want to look good. Apply that same principle to the way you listen to the word of God. Continually check your inner man by the scripture so that you can have Liberty. Freedom from sin.

Joshua 1:7-8

The hardest thing men and women will ever have to do is earn a living the way the Bible says keeping Jesus Christ first in your life. Young people, it is just about impossible to devote the time and energy that is necessary to get a good education get established in the work force while keeping Jesus Christ first in your life. It absolutely can be done, if that is what you desire. It is all about the heart's desire. If you want to be saved and go to heaven, you can be saved. If you want to enjoy freedom from sin in your life, you can enjoy it. It just depends on what you desire. Depends on what you want.

Do you know what the priority is in your life? It is what you desire. Do you know what God's concerned about? He's not concerned about fixing all those little sins in your life – if He could just fix that desire those sins would fall away. It is all about your heart. The Son therefore shall make you free... shall be free indeed. In deed – free in my deeds. That is God's desire. Hope it is yours.

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Name _____

1. What is the difference between Salvation and freedom?

2. What is the law of liberty?

3. Explain the way to get victory over your sins?

4. What is God concerned about in your life?

5. What the priority is in your life?

6. Explain God's example of the mirror?

7. Explain why the children of Israel were enjoying themselves in the wilderness?

8. What part of the Bible did you read, that said it is OK for you to entertain yourself the same way as the world entertains themselves, movies with cussing, wearing bikinis, listening to rap, wearing your britches halfway down your backside? explain using a verse from the Bible.

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9. During the Jericho march Do you know where Israel's strength was?
10. Men and women that were saved before they went to jail, how did they end up there?
11. What are we going to do about living in our sins?
12. Do you know what the most important word is in John 8:32? why?
13. How is my bad temper related to my lack of witnessing?
14. Why does the Bible tell me to pray without ceasing?

True/false

- I can get just as close to God staying at home and reading my Bible as I can going to church.
- Freedom from sin is imparted to all believers at the moment of being born again.
- What you hear does not affect the way you think.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet,
Must be in KJV) Joshua 1:7; James 1:23; John 8:32

any questions?