

SERMON NOTE: Dynamic Obedience and Ongoing Possession

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Bible Ref: Joshua 7:1, 11; 8:30-35 NIV

But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things ; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord 's anger burned against Israel. Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jos.7.1-11.NIV>

Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the Lord , the God of Israel, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses—an altar of uncut stones, on which no iron tool had been used. On it they offered to the Lord burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings. There, in the presence of the Israelites, Joshua wrote on stones a copy of the law of Moses. All the Israelites, with their elders, officials and judges, were standing on both sides of the ark of the covenant of the Lord , facing the Levitical priests who carried it. Both the foreigners living among them and the native-born were there. Half of the people stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had formerly commanded when he gave instructions to bless the people of Israel. Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law—the blessings and the curses—just as it is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read to the whole assembly of Israel, including the women and children, and the foreigners who lived among them.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jos.8.30-35.NIV>

Deuteronomy 28:3-14 NIV

You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him. Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord , and they will fear you. The Lord will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/deu.28.3-14.NIV>

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Chapter 6: Battle of Jericho

Chapter 7&8: Battle of Ai

1. The battle belongs to the LORD

(CF Exod 15:3, 2 Chronic. 20:15)

Sad be spiritual principle at work in spiritual warfare.

Genesis 12:1-2 NIV

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/gen.12.1-2.NIV>

GOD's Promise

GOD's Voice

Our Obedience
Our Possession

2. Battle of Ai (Joshua 7:1-8:29)

a.

Romans 5:18 NIV

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

<https://romans.bible/romans-5-18>

b. Subsequent victory

The rules for renewed attack were very followed closely

Dynamic obedience but specific rules to follow

i) The LORD commanded the attack and Joshua executed the details.

iii)

[Image 167.jpg]

c) Renewal of covenant at Ebal (8:30-35)

i) Altar- for prayer for our ministry

ii) Law

iii) The burnt offerings- consecrate ourselves before GOD

iv) The fellowship offerings

[Image 168.jpg]

GOD has HIS faithful remnants- be one them.