

MESSAGE 1: ABOLISH POUTING Psalms 37:1-2

MESSAGE 2: BELIEVE GOD Psalms 37:3

MESSAGE 3: COMMIT TO GOD Psalms 37:5

MESSAGE 4: DELIGHT IN THE LORD Psalms 37:4

MESSAGE 5: EFFECTIVELY DWELL IN THE LAND Psalms 37:3 (IT'S THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER GIVEN BY GOD)

Launching Text: Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them (endued them with power—that is Adam & Eve & us), and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and sub-due it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of you foot shall tread upon, that have I (God) given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

Psalms 37:3 Trust in the Lord and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shall be fed.

Preaching Text: Nehemiah 9:3 And they (Israel) stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord their God.

Introduction: In this series of looking at 5 Great Keys In Christian Living we have looked at Abolish Pouting, Believe God, Commit To God, Delight In The Lord , and in this message we will look at Effectively Dwelling In The Land.

1. EFFECTIVELY DWELL IN THE LAND BY TAKING OUR PLACE FROM WANDERING

V2—And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

Prov 21:16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding (that is the right way) shall remain in the congregation of the dead. (SO GET OUT OF SIN!)

1. The Peril Of Sin

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned & come short of the glory of God.

2. The Payday For Sin

Rom 6:23 For the wages (payday) of sin is death (spiritual & physical & separation from God)

Ezek 18:20 The soul that sinS, it shall die. (WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO HELL!)

(sin will cost you more than you want to pay, keep you longer than you wanted to stay, and make you wish you had never strayed.)

Romans 5:8 But God commended (or showed) His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

3. The Plan For the Sinner

2-Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them (the unbelievers, the world and its ways and be ye separate (holy) saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing (anything that is sin—that is anything that is wrong) and I (the Lord) will receive you.

(It's old fashion repentance with sorrowfulness turning from sin to God)

4. The Promise To The Sinner

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sin, He (the Lord) is faithful & just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved (from whatever is against you).

2. EFFECTIVELY DWELL IN THE LAND BY TAKING OUR PLACE IN THE WORD—v3 they read in the book of the law

Amos 8:11 Behold the days cometh saith the Lord that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Word

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word & the Word was with God & the Word was God.

The word produces a path to walk in---path of faith Rom 10:17 Faith cometh by hearing

1. SALVATION Acts 13:26 Men & brethren, children of the stock of Abraham and whoso ever among you that fearteth God--to you the word of salvation is sent.

2. SANITIZATION John 15:3 you have been made clean thru the word which I have spoken

Eph 5:26 Washed by the water of the word

3. REVELATION Ps 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my

4. PRESERVATION Ps 119:11 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my

5. SANCTIFICATION John 17:17 Sanctify them with thy truth thy word is truth

6. MEDICATION Ps 107:20 He sent his word and healed them.

7. EDUCATION 2Tim 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman

8. STABILIZATION Heb 1:3 God upholds all things by the word of his power

9. AUTHORIZATION John 15:7 if you abide in me & my word abides in you ask what you will & it will be done.

10. MOTIVATION Isa 55:11 so shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth--it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish the which I please & prosper unto the thing whereunto I sent it.

11. LIBERATION Ps 119:170 Let my supplication come before thee & deliver me according to thy word.

12. RELAXATION Ps 119:165 Great peace have they who love thy law and nothing shall offend them.

3. EFFECTIVELY DWELLING IN THE LAND BY TAKING OUR PLACE IN WARFARE---v3 they confessed

Mat 11:12 from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence but the violent take it by force. Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil Mark 11:23-24 you have what you say

1. Fight Against The Fruit Of Our Lips (We must get a grip on our lips)

Prov 18:21 Death and life is in the power of the tongue and they that love it (death or life) shall eat the fruit thereof.
Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt (putrid, foul, vulgar, hateful, spiteful, unwholesome) communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace to the hearers.

2. Fight Against Our Fleshly Desires

James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

3. Fight Against Our Flawed Faith

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering (his disciples concerning the questioning of the fig tree that He cursed that had And it had died) Have faith in God.

1-Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called, and hast professed a good profession (or confession) before many witnesses.

4. Fight Against Our Foe, The Devil

Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

Revelation 12:11 And they (the believers) overcome him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus), and by the Word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

4. EFFECTIVELY DWELLING IN THE LAND BY TAKING OUR PLACE IN WORSHIP V3--they worshipped

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Lord in spirit (liveliness) and in truth (honesty).

1. Worship that complies John 4:24 God is a Spirit & they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit & in truth.

2. Worship that glorifies Ps 86:12 I will praise the Lord my God with all my heart; I will glorify thy name forevermore.

3. Worship that magnifies Ps 34:3 O magnify the Lord with me let us exalt his name together.

4. Worship that beautifies 2 Sam 7:23 and what one nation is like thy people, even like Israel whom God for you went to redeem for a people to Himself and to make Him a name and to do for you great things and terrible for thy land.

5. EFFECTIVELY DWELLING IN THE LAND BY TAKING OUR PLACE IN THE WEALTH OF GOD

V6 Thou, even thou, art Lord alone: thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou verkest them all; and the host of heaven worships thee.

V6 preservest-- to revive, restore, repair, recover, nourish up, to give what is promised

Hebrew=khaw-yaw----nothing missing, broken, lacking or needed. It is akin to peace.

V8 And found his heart faithful before thee, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words: for thou art righteous.

God can only bless when one is faithful...for Prov 28:20 says, A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

1. Wealth of God's Presence

Mat 28:20 lo I am with you always Heb 13:5 He said I will never leave you or forsake you.

2. Wealth of God's Pardon 1-John 1:9 If we Heb 10:17 your sins & iniquities will I remb no more

3. Wealth of God's Path John 14:6, Ps 37:23, Isa 45:2 I will go before you and make

4. Wealth of God's Peace Ps 29:11 The Lord will bless His people with peace John 14:27

5. Wealth of God's Power Acts 1:8 But ye Ps 68:35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy place the God of Israel is he that giveth strength & power unto His people. Blessed be God L-10:19

6. Wealth of God's Protection Ps 91:1-3 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in Him will I trust. Surely He will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and thy buckler.

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against thee shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me saith the Lord.

7. Wealth of God's Preparation (Instruction) Ps 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Ps 32:8 I will instruct you and teach thee in the way thou shalt go I will guide thee with my eye

8. Wealth of God's Provision Phil 4:13 Ps 84:11 The Lord is a sun & a shield; He will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them who walk uprightly.

9. Wealth of God's Posterity Ps 91:16 With long life I will satisfy him & show him my salvation

10. Wealth of God's Prosperity 3-John v2 Beloved above all things I wish that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even at thy soul prospers.

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