

# GOD'S PROMISE FOR THE NEW LAND AND NEW YEAR JOSHUA 1:1-9

Text:

Introduction:

Someone once said you can't break God's promises by leaning on them. Let us firmly lean on God's promises this year, this day, this hour.

## **1. GOD GIVES THE PROMISE OF THE PROMISE LAND**

### **A. A Physical Land**

#### **Joshua 1:3**

<sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

### **B. A Plentiful Land**

#### **1. A land flowing with milk and honey**

If we will only follow God He will provide our needs (milk) and our desires (honey) The closer we come to the presence of God the more our desires become His.

2. God will Guide us to a place of blessing  
if we will follow

**Joshua 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which **I** do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

## **2. GOD GIVES THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE LAND**

**Joshua 1:5**

<sup>5</sup> 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.

A. God's people often face Giants on the way to the Promised Land

B. There is always a remnant of God's people interested in slaying Giants.

Numbers 13 is the story of the spies that survey the Promised Land.

Fear overtook their faith

### **3. GOD GIVES THE PROMISE OF SUCCESS IF WE OBEY HIM**

#### **Joshua 1:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.

#### A. Success is Not Unconditional

Be careful to obey the Word of God

#### B. Success is Dependent on Our Dependence on God

Be strong and courageous – Not in ourselves

We can be strong and courageous in the face of the Giants of life because God is our guide and on our side.

He will lead us beside still waters; He will make his face to shine on us.

Close:

We live in an era of unkept promises. Nations sign important treaties and then break them at will. And

many couples show little regard for their wedding vows. In this kind of society, we who are God's people should be known for keeping our promises.

God will not renege on His promise.

Let us stand firm on the promises of God, doing all according to His word looking for that Heavenly city.