WHEN

Text: Deuteronomy 26:1-3

Key Verse: Psalm 89:34

"When". There is no question in that word. God promised. It is a blood covenant that he will not break.

> My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Psalms 89:34 [KJV]

Trust God, and you will enter your promised land! The land of rest [Hebrews 4]. Entering that land of promised rest is accomplished by faith. The Children of Israel saw the same miracles that Moses saw, and heard the same gospel Moses heard, but it did them no good, because the word was not mixed with faith. Faith brings you into God's promises. 1. The promised land is already there in place, waiting to be conquered. God has already spoken in covenant to bring you there. He had sworn on himself not to break, or even change his covenant word. Your faith brings you from Mount Pisgah into Canaan. Your faith in the word aligns you with the promise God made, and "finished from the foundation of the world2".

God has done the work to accomplish his plan for my life to flow with milk and honey - his blessing. It has been done since before creation! My faith brings it to pass - makes it tangible and material - in my lifetime. "The righteous shall live by faith3." So often we ask, "Well why doesn't God do...?" the answer is, "God already did! but you haven't taken it by faith." If we are

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on us what we do not believe is ours.

DELIVERANCE

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God preplanned every detail of our "milk and honey" life before there was ever anything created. He predestined all things to come together for our good to bring us into the image of Jesus. ⁴He will not force his plan on us though. We **choose** to enter his promised rest or not, by faith or not! He will not force

Well, there! We covered the word, "When". Glory to God!

¹ SofD #37: Now Faith Is...

² Hebrews 4:3b

³ Romans 1:17 NLT

⁴ Romans 8: 28, 29

- 1. The Lord gave us the promised land. [26: 1A]
- 2. We must conquer the promised land. [26: 1B, Hebrews 4: 9, 10]
- 3. We must settle in the promised land. [26: 1C, Philippians 4: 6]

There is an Egypt lifestyle.

There is a wilderness lifestyle.

There is a promised land lifestyle.

Egypt is bondage and slavery.

There are leeks and garlic in slavery. You can get comfortable, and not want to move, because at least it is familiar. But it is **bondage.** God did not create us to live in bondage. After we apply the blood of Jesus at the door of our lives⁵, then it is time to walk away from bondage.⁶

In a hurry.

The wilderness is growing and testing.

Learn to depend on God day and night by faith. He <u>will</u> provide food and water for you; and clothing, your shoes will not even wear out. He **did not** bring you out of bondage to kill you in the wilderness!⁷ "Egypt" was **not** better than where you are headed. It is a short trip if you will trust God!

God. Yahweh. The Lord **your** God. The personal God, who is working everything out to bring you into this land of rest. Your father, already knows all you need.⁸ So, here we go again ...

Faith is lesson number one.

You cannot please God without it. Whoever comes to God must **believe.**⁹ So, keep your eyes on that pillar of fire and cloud. Both are descriptions of the Holy Spirit. Trust your father. You will not grow out of this. It is the foundation. Now, he asks you to trust him for that, "what is it? ", stuff for one day -only one! Then, trust him for two days on the **6th** day. In the land of promise, you will have to trust him for each year's crops for six years. He has promised triple on the **6th** year. ¹⁰

Yeah, it's training for what's coming. Now, he asks you for one day of rest each week. In the promised land, he will ask that, **and one year** of rest for your land every seven.

- Trust him to keep slavery from pulling you back in.
- Trust him that bondage to sin is forever buried under that "Red Sea". 11 The Lord of bondage is dead to you, too. 12

⁵ Revelation 3: 20, 21; 1John 5: 4, 5; Exodus 12: 13

⁶ Exodus 12: 11, 29 -32

⁷ Exodus 16: 3, 17: 3 cp. John 6: 5 -7

⁸ Matthew 6: 32

⁹ Hebrews 11: 6

¹⁰ Leviticus 25: 1 -7; 18-22

¹¹ Romans 6: 1 -7

¹² Psalm 136: 15; Luke 10: 19; Colossians 2: 15

- Trust him to provide for you day by day.
- Trust him to show you his will from his Word.
- Trust him to move in and dwell with you.¹³ His Tabernacle -you -may be covered in flesh¹⁴, but inside is gold, incense, the blood of the lamb, the bread of life; and in the heart of it is the Word, etched in stone, the rod of the power of God to change your circumstances, and manna -his provision.
- Trust him to stand in your defense against those who oppose you. Understand that, in any battle, **he fights, you stand** in your faith¹⁵.
- Finally, trust him to take you into the land of promise¹⁶.

The promised land is rest In God. [Psalm 23]

There are still battles. You will follow him as you always have, by faith.¹⁷ There is sowing and reaping to be done.¹⁸ But there is a relationship with the father.¹⁹ You trusted him to provide one day's manna. Now, you can trust him for a year's crops. The blessings are greater too. He gave you Egypt's jewels, clothes, and earrings. Now, he gives you **entire cities and vineyards** that you did not build or plant!

You live in the journey the same way you live at the destination...but bigger!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

And lean not on your own understanding;

In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He shall direct your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;

Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

It will be health to your flesh,

And strength to your bones.

Proverbs 3:5-8

¹³ Revelation 21: 3-5; Ezekiel 37: 27

¹⁴ Badger skins -Exodus 26: 14

¹⁵ Exodus 14: 13, 14; Ephesians 6: 12 -14a

¹⁶ Joshua 1:5 -9

¹⁷ Joshua 1: 9

¹⁸ 2Corinthians 9: 6 -11

¹⁹ John 17