

Receiving the Promises

Shalom,

As we read and meditate the portions from the Torah, God's Teaching and Instruction, and as I write these weekly teachings, I am believing that YHWH will reveal by His Holy Spirit the instructions of Torah, not as only historical events (with little relevance to His Messianic community), but as they, in fact, apply to us, **we who are the seed of Abraham and grafted into the commonwealth of Israel by faith.**

This week's Torah portion is found in **Numbers 30:1 - 36:13**. The last part of the reading contains the account of the people of Reuben and Gad and the request that they made to Moses in Numbers 32. Let's pay close attention to these people, along with the half-tribe of Manasseh, who left God's appointed plan for them to receive immediate gratification **just short of the promised inheritance.**

Numbers 32:1 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle;

Numbers 32:2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

Numbers 32:3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon,

Numbers 32:4 Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:

*Numbers 32:5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, **let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.***

Now the promise of the Lord for all the tribes of Israel is very clear and well defined.

*Exodus 13:5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into **the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which He sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.***

*Numbers 13:2 Send thou men, that they may search **the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.***

2 Corinthians 1:20 (TLV) ²⁰ For in Him all the promises of God are "Yes." Therefore also through Him is the "Amen" by us, to the glory of God.

We have always been taught that "**Amen**" means "**So be it.**" I believe it should be translated as, "It is Truth," and should always be our response to every Word from God; however, when the men of the tribes of Reuben, Gad and one-half of Manasseh saw a good land, and a land **suited for their needs**, they made a choice that caused them to **settle** for less than their inheritance. They were willing to receive instant gratification for their fleshly desires rather than wait upon YHWH

for His good and perfect gift. Sometimes, because of impatience, inconvenience, or simply because of fear, believers are prone to accept less than is promised. Many actually state that they could be satisfied with a partial answer just to “Get it over with,” or “At least it’s better than nothing.” Too often, just as these two and one-half tribes of Israel stopped just across the river from the Promised Land, some say that they believe God but are willing to compromise and stop just short of all that the Lord has promised to those who believe. Instead of affirming God’s Word by saying, “It is Truth!” the enemy gets us to focus on how long we’ve been waiting, or natural reasons why God’s promises may never come to pass

*Ephesians 3:20 Now unto Him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us,*

God’s power in us will not accomplish “**nearly enough.**” It will not bring about “**merely enough**”, but rather His power that works in us will do “**exceeding, abundantly above all that we ask or think.**” Our God calls Himself **El Shaddai. He is the more than enough God**, and what He promises, He is more than able to supply. YHWH Yireh (Jehovah Jireh) sees, and He will perfect that which pertains to you, that is, He will bring shalom, *nothing missing, nothing broken*, into every believing life.

Make a commitment to never settle for less than God has promised. That is a temptation which, if yielded to, will end in eventual defeat. God will allow His people to make their own decision, just as He allowed the two and one-half tribes to settle east of Jordan, but notice that **those tribes that settled for an inheritance outside the borders that God promised were among the first to be carried into captivity.**

Repent, or turn around, if you find weariness creeping into your mind. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **Never give in!** Open your mouth and boldly speak, “God’s Word is truth. From this day forward, I will trust in all the promises of God. I refuse to settle for less than His best. His Word says that He has given me everything that pertains unto life and godliness to make me a partaker of His divine nature. To that wonderful Divine assurance of good, I will respond, **“It is Truth!”**”

Mark 11:24 (CJB) ²⁴ Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, trust that you are receiving it, and it will be yours.

Hebrews 6:11-12 (CJB) ¹¹ However, we want each one of you to keep showing the same diligence right up to the end, when your hope will be realized; ¹² so that you will not become sluggish, but will be imitators of those who by their trust and patience are receiving what has been promised.

The Word of God is true forever! His promises must remain in our hearts and mouths. Don’t allow a spirit of compromise to defile your trust in the Living God. Hold fast! You will reap if you don’t give in.

Joyfully Persevering,
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