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Life in the Promise Land

“Egypt, The Wilderness and The Promise Land”

Base Scriptures: Hebrews 4: 1 – 3

Egypt - From His Perspective or Your Perspective

Hebrews 4: 1 – 3

One of the most vivid types and shadows of the Bible is Israel and The Church of the Body of Christ!

In Egypt is where God Finished His Work for Israel

The only thing left for Israel to do was to learn of the Finished Work, and then enter the Promise Land and live in that Finished Work!

At the Cross is where Christ Finished His Work for us!

The only thing left for us to do is to learn of the Finished Work, and then enter into His Rest from that Finished Work and LIVE in His Finished Work!

Show the Finished Work on the Posters

There are Three Main Important issues that the Church sometimes gets wrong:

Passover; The Old Testament Sacrifice; and the Cross

Most people view Passover as God passing over Israel and instead killing the first born of the Egyptians!

But Passover was not about God allowing Israel to live and the Egyptians to die; it was about God SEEING Israel already dead in the sacrifice of the lamb, thus death passing them over!

Passover is about God giving Israel Life BECAUSE He had already found them dead IN the slain blood of the Lamb on the door post!

The same is true with the animal sacrifices of the OT; it wasn't the animal dying in the place of the person; it was animal dying AS THAT person; not in the place of that person!

At the Cross, we all DIED in Christ; not Christ dying instead of all of us!

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Law of Realization: We experience Rest and the Reality of what has happened to us at the Cross, not as a result of time; but as a result of seeing the Finished Work from God's Perspective!

But we tend to judge God's Finished Work from OUR perspective and not God's!

Exodus 19: 4

Here's what flesh say "*I didn't see any eagle's wings and I haven't been brought unto you God – I'm in the wilderness thirsty and hungry!*"

Ephesians 1: 3 – 11; 2: 4 – 7

Here's what flesh says "*where are all these blessings; where is all this Kindness and Grace from God – I'm still broke; my life is in shambles; I'm sick*"

Israel failed to see God's Work Finished in Egypt for them; just like today, we fail to see God's Finished work for us at the Cross in Christ!

And because of this, we do not ever seem to find Rest for our Souls!

Like Israel, we continue to wonder in the Wilderness, LOOKING at self and what we don't have; instead of LOOKING at Christ and what we do have in Him!

The Wilderness – From His Perspective or Your Perspective

Hebrews 3: 7 – 19

Question: Did Israel NOT enter the Promise Land because it wasn't God's time for them to enter in or because the Promise Land wasn't there for them to enter into yet? GOD FORBID!

They DID NOT enter into the Promise Land because they refused to believe the God had already finished the work for them to enter in and had given them the land!

Israel was too busy looking at themselves while in the wilderness instead seeing more of God and learning of His Finished Work in Egypt through Moses!

Today, many Believers look at their lives (SELF) and because they do not see the physical results of Rest INITIALLY, they NEVER are able to see the Finished Work of Christ from God's Perspective!

This is the whole purpose of the Wilderness Experience!!!

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The purpose of the Wilderness Experience was for Israel to SEE what God had already Finished for them in Egypt!

The Reality of the Wilderness Experience for us is our ability to SEE for ourselves, what Christ has already Finished for us at the Cross!

The majority of the Church is still wondering in the Wilderness of an Unrenewed Mind

Show Posters of Israel and the Church

Luke 24: 18 – 21

Notice that the disciples were seeing the Finished Work of Christ from THEIR perspective and not God's!

This is not different from all of us...we say "but I thought once I get Saved, things should be better in my marriage; in my finances; on my job"

This is because we are still viewing the Finished Work of Christ from OUR perspective and not God's perspective

Therefore these disciples could not find Rest for there Souls, because of their wrong view of the Finished Work of Christ!

You ONLY have Two Options while in the Wilderness: Growth or Rebellion!

Growth is you seeing more of what Christ has done and choosing to Rest in His Finished Work; while Rebellion is you refusing to see what Christ has done but continue to look at self, your situation and your condition!

Deuteronomy 30: 19

But Pastor, there is no choice for the curse for me because I am under Grace; not Law?

Galatians 3: 10

Even today, Believers who still try to relate to God through the Law; through their performance or through their obedience are under the Curse!

Show Posters of the Believer's Progression under Grace

It's important to note that our OLNLY part in God's Equation is our willingness to learn more about what Christ has done!

The Wilderness has nothing to do with man or self or our outward circumstances!

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The Wilderness for us is the journey it takes us to humble ourselves and see more of what Christ has done and then learn of His Finished Work!

The Wilderness is the time it takes us to go from Religion to Relationship!

It's our willingness to all God to reveal more of His Son in us and to us!

Those who humble themselves in the wilderness and see more of Christ and die to their perspective of the Finished Work WILL enter into His Rest and find Rest for their Souls!

Those who refuse and rebel, choosing to stay stuck in religion; stuck on seeing things for an earthly view WILL NOT be allowed to enter into His Rest, but die in the Wilderness!

The more we focus in on ourselves; the more we are refusing and rebelling against seeing the Finished Work from God's perspective and the more our hearts harden towards entering into His Rest!

Israel mumbled and complained in the wilderness were not just in their words they spoke – but it was in their refusal and rebellion to see God's Finished Work from His perspective!

Today, our mumbling and complaining is not in our words; but it is in our refusal and rebellion to SEE all of our sins Finished in Christ at the Cross and the Law Finished in Christ at the Cross!

It's in us not seeing how the Cross is relevant to our needs at the time; our circumstances; our problems!

Like Israel, WE determine the length of time spent in the Wilderness!

The Promise Land – From His Perspective or Your Perspective

Hebrews 4: 9 – 11

The Promise Land for us is when Christ is now living His Life through us and as He is; so are we in this world!

It is when we OUTWARDLY begin to see in our lives what God Finished at the Cross and what we INWARDLY saw and learn while in the Wilderness!

Galatians 2: 20; Colossians 3: 1 – 3

It is when we are no longer held by anything of the world; anything earthly; but what IS and was already Real to God; now become what is Real to us!

The Promise Land is not about you becoming wealthy and Rich; but it's about you realizing the wealth and riches you have in Christ and Living in them!