**Notes**

****March 25th 2018**



**Possess the Land - 3**

“Patience / Palm Sunday / Passover”

Welcome

**Possess the Land – Part 3**

**The struggle (& choice) we face:**

The struggle is the ‘gap’ between what God has promised …

 … and the circumstances that stand in the way.

One kind of ‘truth’ - up close & in your face.

 (Real circumstances) – ‘lower’ truth.

The other ‘truth’ seems so far away:

 (God’s unchanging promises) – ‘higher’ truth.

Which ‘report’ will we believe?

**The ‘choice’is to stand our ground:**(while we wait patiently)

Things often play out through time. **Galatians 5:22**

**Moses started off as a *“basket case”***

1st 40 years: Grows up in Egypt.

 (Privileged).

2nd 40 years: Seemingly forgotten in the wilderness of self-exile.

 (After his felony)

3rd 40 years: leads God’s people in the wilderness.

 (Before Joshua takes over from Moses).

How do you think Joshua & Caleb felt while waiting for things to play out after the show-down at Kadesh Barnea? – after only 3 weeks into the journey.

**Deuteronomy 8:7-10**

Process over time & certainty.

**Hebrews 6:12b**

(You inherit stuff after the death of another)

**Application:**

When we allow our own ‘fleshly’ efforts to die,

Then

God is then ‘freed’ to do what He has promised us:

To give us the land as His Grace (undeserved) gift.

**In short**: **James 1:2-4**

…the result – you will lack nothing.

**On another note**: (Palm Sunday)

The Jews in Jesus day had been waiting for a conquering Messiah

(the “Son of David”).

So, on the very day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey through

the Eastern gate for the Passover feast…

 …the Roman Governor rode into town on a majestic horse through the Western gate to ensure that things stayed stable among the crowds.

T**he contrast:**

 Conquer by force & servitude or by love & service

**The week before Easter: John 12:12-14**

(Quote from a prophecy over 500 years before…talk about patience!)

**Zechariah 9:9**

**The Passion Week:**

The week before Passover (Palm Sunday)

 Jesus is warmly welcomed as “King”.

During the week: tension builds and becomes volatile.

 People enslaved to the ‘system’: Politoco - religious control)

End of the week: (Passover) The crowd’s manipulated & calls for crucifixion.

God’s ways are not our ways.

**Final Take Away & Communion**

The ‘Way of the Cross’ - (shame / ridicule / death)

Is God’s way to: Kingship!

Today,

Because His work was done on our behalf

We are to receive His grace in this by faith.

We can’t earn kingship: - only receive it.