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Lecture 1 - The Spiritual Authority of Joshua (Joshua 1:10-18)

Introduction:

The absolute obedience of all the Israelite to the first command of Joshua established the spiritual authority. (17 just as their fathers fully obeyed Moses, so they will obey Joshua. Only may the LORD your God be with Joshua as he was with Moses.) To establish the spiritual authority is very important to accomplish the will of the Lord in our lives. How does the spiritual authority establish?

First, it shall be established by following the command of God. (16)

A. Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.) It is to follow what God command, because it is his will in that situation. Then Joshua commanded to the Israel leaders to prepare the necessary food for crossing the Jordan River within 3 days. (10-11 So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: [11](#)“Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’) to aid the other tribes until occupying the remaining land to the 2 ½ tribes.(12-13) But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, “Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you after he said, ‘The LORD your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’) This was the repeated command that Moses gave to Israel. The spiritual authority shall be established not by executing the great thing, but by being faithful to a small thing. In other words, it means that it shall be established by giving attention on the word of God. Why? Because it is the absolute authority of God.

B. In our Christian life we have to establish the spiritual authority by following the word of God faithfully. When we say something to our neighbors just like God did to us. Especially preachers and teachers need to sustain the authority in the ministry. Therefore they should try to hide in the word of God. They should love to accept the teaching of God. When we read the word of God and listen to it, we should attach to the authority of the Scripture in order to reveal only the power of God as Paul did in the Corinthian church. “And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”(ICorin.2:1-4)

Second, it shall be established by Immanuel.

A. Look at the verse 17. (17 just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses.) Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. The faith to be with God has the authority of God. Literally it means Immanuel, “the union with God, the presence of God, and true salvation. Although it is very simple state, it is very important to execute the divine authority in our ministry. In our actual school life we should concentrate on the life walking with God by personal godly activities.

B. As we find that Israel overcome their enemies by depending on God, the events of the Acts also reveals the same principles, the authority of being with God continuously.

- The ministry of apostles – they longed the power of God.
- The house of Cornelius - they waited for the work of God.
- The ministry of Peter – he watched on the work of Holy Spirit.
- The ministry of Paul – he served in the grace of God humbly. In a short word, Their, successful ministry came out of Immanuel.

Actually we have to concentrate on the work being with God. What do you think of this issue? Are you conscious of God’s presence in your school life?

Third, it shall be sustained by longing the Word of God with spiritual tension faithfully (18)

Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!).

A. What is the Word of God? It is the written word and the oral word told through Moses what God said. Now it is the Scripture. So we want to hide in the Word, with the word and on the word in our lives. Then the authority of the Word establishes our authority. As we know, the Apostle Paul proclaims that “And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts20:32)”

B. What does it mean? He assured that the word of God has the same authority of the Lord.

His ministry of word is the work that the Lord Himself works in the ministry.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints! Where is your authority? You have to concentrate to establish the word of God in your school life. Now you are working the work of the Lord. Absolutely God shall establish the authority in your heart and in your ministry.

In the spiritual chaos day, we have to concentrate on keeping the authority by obeying the word of God, by assuring Immanuel and by longing the will of God with spiritual tension. Let’s keep the spiritual authority in our ministry.

Lecture 2 - The Gospel that Rahab Receives (Joshua 2:1-14)

Introduction:

The gospel is not limited to the New Testament but already had revealed in the Old Testament. The salvation event of Rahab reveals the fact to us very well out of the text. As we see the reality in the symbolism, we can enjoy the abundant grace of our amazing salvation. So when we read the Scripture, intensely we have to search for the reality among many pictorial revelation. What did the text reveal to us about them?

First, it revealed the good news concerning God.

A. Although she had lived at the Old Testament, she knew some information, those are; the event of crossing the red sea, the event of occupying their strong tribes with the power of God, the event of guiding through the pillar of cloud and the pillar of the fire and the event of eating the quail and the manna in the wilderness, through the rumor. So she assured that the Lord is the only God in the heaven and the earth.

B. Verses 10-11 say, “For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.”

C. Rahab had got the specific grace to hear the good news and to accept them in the tribes of Canaan just like we did today. True faith comes out of listening to the Word of God; even it is appeared by several types in our situation, although she belonged to the miserable place of pagan nations, the symbols of Satan’s people.

D. How can we understand the fact that she received the gospel? Because she confessed “the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath” to the Israelite spies. Her pagan knowledge of god had been changed by the biblical knowledge. This knowledge changed his divine knowledge that is the most important in her life. This is the true gospel.

E. Paul’s gospel includes the transformed knowledge from believing the merit of Christ. (Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.(Col2:6-7)

F. And also Peter’s gospel emphasized 7 virtue that a Christian should grow up

in his life, those are; faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly love. What is your faith? Really do you have true gospel like Rahab did? I mean that you have to assure your knowledge of biblical divine God, as Rahab had in the dangerous situation. So we can assume that she was born again by the Word of God that comes to her in a type of rumor.

In our ministry, always we contact the Word of God, the special revelation. At the good chance, we should concentrate on to listen to the Word of God. And also we have to sustain to feel the presence of God through meditating the word in the passionate praying.

Second, she served the Lord as the King of kings.

A. First, the gospel of Rahab made her to be taken the courage to refuse the command of the king of Jericho because she was more afraid of the command of God than the command of Jericho king's command.

Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death."

As we know, the situation of Rahab that she should devoted herself to the command of Jericho' king, just like she had the same attitude of Moses against the command of Pharaoh. Hebrew 11:24-27 says "By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible." How could she refuse against the command of the king? Because he found the greatest king, Jehovah who rules over all the universe, she could choose the way.

B. Second, true faith shall be product by finding the world of the revelation, in a word, the Scripture. So we should give the most attention on the text of the scripture to know God and His character. Whenever we find the fact naturally we cannot help devoting ourselves to God, for the revelation is the life. God works the wonderful things in our heart through the revelation. As the result we shall be changed.

When we prepare our future ministry we should take the same experimental in our personal activities. When we study, think, talk and relate to our neighbors, we should be moved into such understanding out of miserable knowledge. In this school life we should develop to that place.

C. Third, who is your king, your Lord? Jesus Christ or, your ego, your family? We can find many weak Christians in our actual life, although they claim

that they serve Jesus as their king and their savior. Do you serve Jesus as your real king in your lives? I remember a real story. A christen girl refused to follow his non Christian father's exhortation in order to follow his king, Jesus Christ. Although her father cried out against Jesus who was one who snatched his only pretty girl, she had gone to Africa missionary to obey her king, Jesus Christ. The Scripture says obviously "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.(Mt. 10:34-39)

Third, the salvation of all family was happened in it.

A. First, it was the wonderful privilege to accomplish the salvation of Rahab's family through receiving the true mark of Rahab that was provided out of the Lord as Act 16:31 points us. "And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

The scripture teaches that true relationship is very important. True salvation tends to go to the salvation of all family through a family member. "And you will be saved, you and your household."

B. Actually the faith of Rahab is same faith that the jailer of Philipppo took. It is very nature in the world of truth. If we have accepted the real gospel, we experienced wonderful personal salvation, forgiveness of sins, purpose, power and peace. And then we want to proclaim it to my family not to go to hell. We believe that my gospel can change my family by the power of Holy Spirit. Do you believe in it?

In Cambodia we can find the matric centric society? Generally a family has 7-10 family members. It is biblical. It is one of good sound in the world. We have important mission to evangelize the family. This is very important mission to us. When I assured the gospel, the gospel should influence absolutely. Do you believe in it? The gospel is the powerful news in our lives.

Do you believe that Rabab's gospel is the same of our gospel? Do you apply that powerful promise to your family and your country? Now our God challenge you to proclaim the gospel to your situation.

Conclusion:

My beloved saints, have the gospel of Rahab and respond to it positively in your

heart. By faith proclaim the gospel to your family. God shall help you with powerful grace. Please remember that God is waiting that all people shall be saved out of miserable state.

Lecture 3- The Old Church gathered at Rahab's House (Joshua 2:15-24)

Introduction:

According to the sermon of Stephen, the family of Rahab should be the church. "He was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he received living words to pass on to us." (Act 7:38) Why? Because they have some proofs that the church should possess in them, we can call for the church of the Lord in the Old Testament. What are the proofs of the true church?

First, they have the fear of God.

Verse 18 says "unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house." Do you know the fear of God in the passage? Through Rahab their family was gathered at her house with the fear of the Lord, Jehovah. Why did they gather in the one house? Because they wanted to be saved out of the judgment of God at Jericho, although they did not experience the grace of Lord's power but by believing the promise of spies her house members believe on the Jehovah in the Old Testament. They had the fear of the Word of God and affection of the Lord of Israel. Just this is the church that the power of Hades cannot overcome any miserable situation.

True church should have the assurance of the fear of the Lord and affection of the Lord. Ps chapter 2:11-12 points that two element, fear and love, trembling and kissing are united in his heart. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in he way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

This is the faith, although the Rehab's family lived in the Old Testament day before Christ's first coming, they possessed the life through accepting the Word of God unconditionally in their heart. This was the work of Holy Spirit. This work has been happened continuously in the world.

Our important mission shall be to establish the church of Christ. I heard of the information out of board chairman pastor Kim Sang Duck, at the long time ago, his

church established the several church buildings at Mexico in south America. He had worshiped at those churches. When they had visited at the church building again, their buildings was destroyed gradually because the neighbors stolen their building. Finally because they did not take care of them, he should transfer their churches to the Mexico presbytery. Then he found that the church needs the faithful workers. And he choose mission field at Cambodia. Then he confessed that he realized that the importance of seminary to take care of the church. It is the main motive that our school had begun in Cambodia. The church is not the building but the people, Christians. I shall establish my church on you, every Christian already is church. We have to focus on it. Do you agree with me?

So whenever, wherever we go and stay in Cambodia, we can build the church by proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. Moreover we can help to grow up in the sound doctrine by praying and preaching the Scripture faithfully. Please do not follow the emotion phenomena, but the truth. That important thing comes out of the fear of God.

Especially the Cambodian church should learn the true trembling in their life before living God. Who is God of the Scripture? When we devote ourselves to him, we can take living hope in the family, in the country and in our future.

Second, as they hanged their neck on the promise of salvation, we should depend on the promise of God.

Verse 18 says the Lord proposed a important mark, secret cord on the wall. Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and your entire father's household. A certain man claimed it is the blood of Jesus Christ because it is secret color. Can you accept the interpretation? Actually, we cannot find any Scripture. But the bronze snake in the wilderness is the Jesus Christ for Jesus interpreted it "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn. 3:14-15) Although we cannot say it is the death of Christ, obviously the family of Rahab hanged their neck on this mark. So we can apply to the promise of salvation that the Lord commands. It is a mark of their salvation. The promise is very important.

Rahab's family was not saved automatically but they should possess the fear of God. If they had no the fear of God, they shall not determine their refuse against the king of Jericho. And also they devoted themselves to the promise.

This is the same line of our salvation. Do you assure the salvation in your heart? How? Can you reveal your eternal life to the people? How? Our answer shall be believed in the promise of the Scripture. Jn 5:24 says "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not

come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” Because we believe the promise we assure that we are saved out of all miserable sin and curse. This is Rahab and her family’s salvation

So I claim that before we believe unconditional commitment to the promise we cannot know the eternal life in our life. So we should believe the Word of God unconditionally. This is the reformed faith. Do you believe in it? When we believe in it, we can know. If we can know it, we did not believe in the promise.

Third, they obeyed the direction wholeheartedly in the miserable condition.

Think of that. Suddenly the city was destroyed by the power of God. The situation is very demolished state. Then they did not go out, only they stayed in the house as trusting the promise of God. it is the church. So only the church has the eternal life, the forgiveness and the power of peace.

Conclusion:

Today, we start the new semester in the grace of God as a Christian, as the church and as a servant of God for God’s calling. Remember that we are the church that living God is working. In this semester we should learn the fear of God. And also we have to follow the lead of our king. So we believe that the authority of Hades can not overcome our ministry and our passion for Christ. Lift up your goal to the higher goal. And try to challenge to arrive on it. God prepare every thing in us.

Study as the church of Rahab, I assure that our God shall help you in your school life.

Lecture 4- The Sign of Crossing Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-17)

Introduction:

The miracle of Scripture has the above meaning than curious phenomena. The miracles belong to the pictorial revelation or, the explanation revelation because God reveal his will to his own people through the miracle. What is the miracle? We can say that the miracle proves that our God has the supernatural power to create, to provide and to redeem.

Why did Jehovah reveal many miracles to Israel in the wilderness? Their lives consisted of lots of miracle, super natural power. Among eating, drinking, sleeping and walking and fighting of daily life they had experienced the wonderful events. Theses miracles proved obviously the supernatural power of God as sign in the

church.

Among them crossing of red sea reveals the wonderful redemption that the church were delivered out of sins. This is the interpretation of the Apostle. Actually the event of crossing the red sea stressed on the abundant salvation in the event. The remission, justification, and baptism are a sign of salvation.

In the text we can find another crossing. It is crossing of Jordan River. What do you think of the crossing Jordan River? In this time we have to think the reality of crossing Jordan River. What does it mean?

First, crossing of Jordan River means another aspect of church salvation.

Verse says “And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

A. So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.”

B. It is very great event that reveal the reality of salvation of his people again as crossing the red sea. So we can interpret this symbolic event as another aspect of salvation. I Corin.10:1-5 explain that Paul interpreted that the church was baptized under the cloud and the water. For I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.” What does it mean? Crossing the red sea is a symbolism or, a pictorial revelation. What is the reality of symbolism? It is the salvation of his people out of miserable sin. In the event we can learn the character of our wonderful salvation, that is, to be saved out of miserable sins. Here crossing Jordan River point that detailed salvation in his people who depend on the fundamental salvation. Actually after we were saved out of our sins we taste the actual grace in our every area by the work of Holy Spirit. In other words we shall be saved out of our sinful desire. Just it is the reality of crossing of Jordan River. Crossing of red sea points the baptism, justification but crossing of Jordan River self-denial, cross bearing those are the sanctification.

After we received the baptism with the water, we affirm that we are saved out of sin. Basically the baptism of water is the mark of our salvation, but more important is the baptism of Holy Spirit. What is the baptism of Holy Spirit? It means to be cleaned by the Spirit. In other word, it is the regeneration. “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the

kingdom of God. “(Jn3:6) Can you see the kingdom now and also can you enjoy the kingdom of God? Actually the regeneration means the event baptized by Holy Spirit in our Christian life. It is the reality of crossing of red sea that is a symbolism. This symbolism relates to another symbolism, crossing of Jordan River. Actually two symbolism point the abundant character of salvation Therefore we can think two important things in that picture. As we know the united contents in a verse.

I Co. 12:13 says “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. “ We participate into the baptism of Holy Spirit and also we enjoy the abundance of the baptism as drinking the water and eating s baptism’ grace. Refer to revelation 3:20 that explain the reality of salvation as intimate fellowship with the Lord on one table with eating it. Actually the justification is sanctification and also sanctification is justification in the salvation (baptism).

So we understand that the baptism of water of and drinking the living water out of the rock means the abundant grace of Holy Spirit and also the miracle that the Jordan river was broken means the redemption out of the sinful desire that is the factory that product always sins. What does it mean?

Second, Jordan river is the symbol of our sinful desire that product the sins.

A. The cross of Christ cleaned up every sin once of all forever. (Gal 5:24 and those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.) And what we remember must be happened through the holiness and the purity. According to the command, “Consecrate you” (5), as we examine ourselves through the repentance and the faith shall be happened some wonderful things. (3:11,14,16, 17)

See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. The water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground

B. If the Lord cleans up our all sin, our all evil and our all punishment but leaves the sinful desire, can you overcome it by your wisdom? The Scripture says that we cannot do that. Rom7:21-25 says “So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me

from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.” We never be able to overcome our sinful desire. Our endurance, our meditation and our good behavior cannot influence to remove it out of our heart because it was very strong, stimulated and systematically.

Ex: Jesus Christ knows it very well in his ministry. At Gethsemane he prayed with his disciples to God for his cross. Then his disciples slept. Then the Lord says “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mt26:41) Do you know this meaning? Most peoples misunderstood that it is physical tiring body for compassion to them. No. it is does not mean. Here “sarks” means the sinful desire. It cannot arrive to the standard of the Lord. It is impossible to stay there. So we have to cast it to the seat of death, demolition. Here the Lord pointed the main problem and the solving method to them.

The method is to believe in the merit of Christ’s cross. So our Lord should bear the cross to remove the sinful desire. Paul proclaimed “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.(Rom7:15-19)“ This is the main key to remove our burning sinful desire. When only the Spirit apply it our heart we can overcome the temptation before God. So Paul thanked the Lord and praised the Lord. We have to cross our Jordan River in our lives.

For example when we have receive the temptation of stimulated things, by stealing, lying, hating envying and sexual desiring, how can overcome them in our actual life? As our sinful desire rise in our heart we cannot control it. We have to admit that fact. At that same time we have to admit the merit power of cross. Then our thing must understand thank praise and devote ourselves to the Lord as living sacrifice. (Rom12:1-2)

Do not follow the emotion but the will that depended on God’ will the word of God.

When we see the light of the Lord we can see our inner light. When we look at the glory of the Lord’s face we find that we shall be transformed by the work of Holy Spirit. This is the reality of crossing Jordan River.

Conclusion:

My beloved student did you cross the red sea”? And also did you cross the Jordan River in your lies? As the Israelite looked at the ark of covenant and followed the moving, they shall walk into the water as the dry land. We can overcome the sinful desire by follow the word of God in our actual life.

In our school life we have to focus this thing in our studying activities.

Lecture 5- The Memorial Stone of Victory (Joshua 4:1-24)

Introduction:

God pleased that the children of Israel keep the command of the Lord by establishing the memorial stone at Gilgal. Verses 5-7 say “and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

What should they hand down to their children?

First, they should teach that the victory comes out of only following God’s guide.

Verse 7 says “tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” Crossing of the Red Sea means the salvation out of sins and the justification but crossing of Jordan River means sanctification that is, the growth towards the salvation. As they crossed over the river Jordan, they needed to deny the self and to bear their cross. Now God command that they build the memorial stones in order to teach that the victory way is to follow the guidance of the Lord.

In the Christian life to obey the word of God is the essential of all victories. What is the victory? It is the accomplishment of God’s wills, God’s purpose and God’s plan. Through remembering the great picture of crossing the Jordan River God reveals the methodology of spiritual victory in the earth. The victory comes out of the almighty God and the obedience is the channel of God’s victory.

It is very simple to obey the word of God but it is the only way to get the glorious victory.

Ex: In the event of crossing red sea, what is the method of salvation for Israel? It must be the obedience. Then God commanded that they should walk toward the dry land in the sea. They could walk in the water on the way God provided for them. But in the text God commanded that as they walked on the water the way was made automatically. When the ark of covenant will be approached on the water, the Jordan River was cut off. When we follow the word of God we can meet to cut off the problems as Israel did at the Jordan River. What did they do? It was to follow the Ark of covenant. To follow the ark points the obedience of the Word of God.

As we know, when we serve the Lord in our ministry, it is very important to obey his words in our lives. The king Saul was failed because of his small obedience in his life. One day the Lord commanded him to kill every enemy before God. But he hated to obey them completely. He left many cattle and few leaders for his covet. Then Samuel rebuked him to teach that the obedience is better than the offering. Only the obedience is able to sustain the continuous victory in the ministry.

Such thing reveals in the ministry of the Lord repeatedly. The obedience is the channel of the miracle. In Jn 2:1-10 we can find that the obedience of the servants made the wonderful thing in the event. They, who obeyed the command of the Lord, can know the wonderful sign in his ministry.

Such fact reveals in our daily lives. What is the normal Christian life? The obedience is the main point of Christian life that was based on the authority of the word of God.

How can we obey the Word of God in our lives? We can get the answers out of the Scripture. We must admit the authority of the Word. We have to understand it. We should endure to keep the Word of God. What is the main cause of disobedience? It is the pleasure. According to Mt 13:, the good soil is to receive the word of God and to keep it and endure to product the fruit.

Second, they should teach to believe on Almighty God.

- 1) Opening the water and closing the water was executed by God not by their craft skill, only they should obey the command of God. (18) “And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the Lord. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.”
- 2) According to moving of the ark of covenant the miraculous stream was flown in the situation. It means that the Almighty God could do that. Who is the Lord of Israel? He is the creator, the provider and the redeemer for his people. Above of all, they and their children need to learn the knowledge of God fully. This is the foundation of their lives and their ministry. Actually the true knowledge of God must be the character of eternal life.(Jn17:3) In fact, we grow up in knowing God, in the knowledge of the abundant life. So if any body abides in grace, he shall understand living God deeply. He shall enjoy his love, his faithfulness, his mercy and his righteousness in his heart.

When we started our regeneration, as Peter confessed that you are Christ as well as the son of living God, we know God progressively in the illumination of Holy Spirit. So Paul asked for Ephesians church “give them the spirit of revelation to know God.” The knowledge of God is the purpose of our salvation.

In our Christian life we have to pursue to know God. Why? Because it is the way to enjoy the eternal life and to imitate the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

In fact, we find that every pictorial revelation appeared by the mode of event focuses on the knowledge of God. For example, what is the focus (purpose) of the event that changed the water into the wine? John 2:11 says “This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. “What does it mean? It means that it reveals to know Christ as son of God. Then his disciples believe on him.

As the same stream the text focused on not the salvation or, some special event but on the knowledge of God.

So Exodus 15:1-3 says “Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,” I will sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously triumphed; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.”

The passage points to the importance of God’s knowledge. The event, crossing the red sea proves that the Lord is almighty God. As we know, Joshua proclaimed that I and my family shall serve Jehovah continuously. And he compelled that you have to choose your worshipping object.

In Cambodia we have to know our worshipping object, almighty God very well by accepting the revelation of Scripture and should hand down the knowledge to the children to glorify God. Do you believe in it?

Third, they should keep the fear of the Lord eternally.

It is important to know God’s lead and His omnipotence but it is more important to take the fear of the Lord. (24) “He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.”

To have the fear of the Lord is the purpose of our work.(Philiph2:12-13) “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. “ This is the core of our knowledge, our wisdom, our activities and our all thinking. Proverb 1:7 says “the fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom, knowledge and insight.” Actually it is the meaning of the faith in the New Testament. The belief should reveal the fear of the Lord. Of course, the fear is compounded by the affection and trembling. If we have the fear in our heart, it proves the eternal life in our heart. So we are not devouring greedy people but sincere people in our live that completed our salvation with the fear and the trembling. This is the way of the eternal life. The false way despises the spiritual tension. Accord-

ing to II Corinthian 7:9-13 says “As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Here are two kinds of anxiety. The First is worldly anxiety, and the second is the spiritual anxiety. How can we discern the fact? The criteria are the true fear, spiritual tension. What is the purpose of the children education? It is to make them to live the righteousness and justice.

What is the Christian education? It aims on the fear of God. That consisted of righteousness and justice as Abraham did in Genesis. (Gen. 18:19).

Why do we teach the word of God, the Scripture? Only the Scripture reveal the God and the character, rigorousness, justice and love to us. In fact the Scripture is the method of grace and the purpose of grace. Why did the Lord stress the self denial and cross bearing in Christian life? Through these things we can get the grace of righteousness and justice.

Conclusion:

In Cambodian Christian ministry, we should think of three elements of the Christian education. We have to learn the obedience, the knowledge of God and we have to have the fear of God and transfer these things to our children as Timothy did it. II Timothy 1:4-5 says “As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. “One grand mom had true faith and was transferred to his daughter, later it was handed down to Timothy. Our contemporary church needs to hand out such stream to our children.

Lecture 6- Who is the commander of Israelite military? (Joshua 5:1-15)

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” Then Joshua fell face down to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” The

commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Introduction

The Scripture focuses on Christ, who is the Lord of redemption of his own people. Furthermore the Old Testament points on Christ, as the creator of all redemption, the source of our salvation. Through studying O.T. we find lots of symbolism and types of Christ, Christ executed to accomplish the economy of God, which established with beginning. Among them the chief of the military of Israel in Joshua. Who was the chief of the military? We can observe that following questions can provide these important answers to us.

First, what prove the fact to be Christ?

The passage reveals the fact, as the incarnated Christ.

A. He led Joshua, who took charge to occupy Canaan by standing before him and commanding how to occupy them. Only The Lord can lead his servants in order to accomplish the economy of God. Joshua should obey his command because he was the pre-incarnated Christ.

B. He was worshiped by Joshua, because he was the Christ, who took the same authority of Jehovah. Then Joshua bowed down him because he was God as the angel of the Lord.

The context proves the reason, as soon as the word of the chief of military revealed at once. The Lord revealed towards the warfare of Jehovah. Why the commanders change into the Lord? Two terms are interchangeable identification. In a word, the commander must be the Lord.

(Joshua 6:1-4) Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Who is our commander? Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose out. He command us " go to all nation to make disciple and teach his word and make them to keep the word in the world." of death, is our commander. Mt 28: 18 says "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the

age.” “We are his company his military who should follow his command in the world. So we today obey his command faithfully. In studying bible English and ministry relationship. This is our privilege.

Second, what did the chief command to Joshua exists?

A. As the authority of Moses, Joshua should take off his shoes on the earth, the promised holy land, Canaan, which points the heaven or, the state of fullness of Holy Spirit. The holy thing should be accomplished by the holy persons who were saved out of his sins. Joshua is the type of Christ.

Verse 15 said “The commander of the Lord's army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” In a word the commander made Joshua to be holy. Holiness of the land was the purpose of his activities. When the leader was holy, he could accomplish the purpose of God towards His own people, Israel. Now our Lord, our Joshua, Jesus Christ works in his people's holiness by the work of Holy Spirit. Repentance and faith to the word of the God is primary ministry of Holy Spirit in us for holiness shall be stage of God's redemptive ministry.

B. In our school life is like a spiritual warfare. The primary mission that we have to keep is to keep ourselves to be holy. What does it mean? Holiness means to live the separated life out of the worldly thinking, mind, attitude, direction and methodology. Do you keep the holiness in your actual life? Don't you now struggle with the real life in your school life? Especially we have to keep him in the world. “We have to caution to the stimulated sins in the youth day. Basically the Scripture respect the godly relationship between the male and the female. (Godly marriage life godly intimacy) but Satan tempt us in the aspect of the beautiful life toward the secular seat. Although any temptation attacks to us any time any place we should keep ourselves by God's wisdom as Joseph did. How could Joseph overcome the temptation? Because he know the positive method to escape the place. In this time if you concentrate to the reading the Word of God, and praying to God to get some grace, you can get the power to overcome the temptation. Keep your holiness because Jesus Christ made us to be holy. (I Corinthian 3:16) we are a temple.

Third, what is the role of the commander to occupy Canaan?

Its role was to encourage his people, to keep the fear of the Lord after occupying the city. The pre-incarnated Christ was appeared among the Israelite. It means that his appearance accompanied the presence of God's glory. His action suggests the military of God's people. It is the type of Christ. Jesus as the only mediator between God and his people died on the cross in the replace of his people to lift up to the

heavenly state. So we believe that His death is my death. His resurrection my resurrection and his ascension my ascension. (Ephesians 2:4-7) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Paul confessed that “I was crucified with Christ. “ (Gal. 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Their wonderful position of the revelation was drawn in the text, that is, the event to occupy the city, Jericho. How did the revelation reveal to us? There are elements.

His work is very simple. Whenever obey his command can occupy the city. Their positive action was obedience, as a child followed his parent's command. So Jesus evangelized that only the person who was like a child with obeying heart and humble heart can enter into the heaven. To prick can not be accepted by God. Israel obeyed and followed according to Joshua's direction.

Today we should follow Jesus direction in any situation, by the teaching of the Scripture.

His work was centered of the word of the Lord, which the ark of covenant points. When they turned arrived at Jericho, they should follow the Ark, which means the presence of God and the Word of God.

One day one time they should turn around the city Jericho. Seventh day seven times they should turn around Jericho. And they should shout out with one voice “shout! For the Lord has given you the city!” However this is the attitude of their faith to the covenant, because God gives the city to them, they could claim that this is our property, God's property.

They should follow the direction of God. To keep, to think, to work the Promised Land and the arranged property. They should accept that the city and its possession were offered to God. So Israel should not use the military possession by them. The commander focuses to destroy the city Jericho the first city of Canaan as well as to keep thanking in the life of the people. Jesus Christ, our only gracious mediator accomplished these two missions as the economy of God. Joshua, the type of Jesus accomplished his command incompletely. As such events, the redemptive work of Jesus were revealed the wonderful theme repeatedly to us.

In our school life we follow to the Lord Jesus Christ. How? By faith we can follow him. It means that we have to accept his merit in our lives and to claim that by faith and repentance. We assure that Our Joshua accomplish the salvation for us 2010 years ago. Do you believe it?

Conclusion:

The commander of military was the pre-incarnated Christ. He revealed before Joshua, as type of Christ revealed the redemptive execution of the economy of God and also He revealed obviously the ride, the attitude and the methodology of redemption to his people. We, as one of the predestination people, should learn the methodology and the goal and serve him in the world.

Lecture 7 -The Principles of Spiritual Victory (Joshua 6:1-21)

Introduction

The Jericho warfare reveals the principles of spiritual victory to us. Jericho points to the world just like the Ziggurat of Babel tower. So the warfare means the spiritual warfare in Christian life. When we follow to the principles that the text suggests, we can overcome our struggling warfare.

What are the principles of victory?

First principle, it is to trust the promise of God wholeheartedly.

A. Verse 20 says “when the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.” Israel occupied their enemy by depending on the promise of God that God Himself shall attach their enemies to their hand, even if they had no any weapons and did not take the defending strategy but the attacking strategy.

B. The promise is the covenant of God. it is the one side promise of God to his people. Such principle, “If you do it, I shall fulfill my will through you” is revealed in the covenant of God repeatedly, as Genesis 3:15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” In John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” We can find the same principle.

C. What is the victorious life of the Christian? it is to trust the promise of the Scripture faithfully. This is true faith that Holy Spirit provides to us. Hebrew 11:6 says “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” Biblical faith is to depend the promise unconditionally. The promise has the same authority of God. The promise is the Scripture. When we listen to the Word of

God, we have to accept it unconditionally in our heart. Actually this faith comes out of Holy Spirit to us. Why did Jesus commend Mary more than Martha? “She chose better thing than you” because she knew the method to listen to the word of God. She received the Word of God unconditionally and also she enjoyed it in her heart. This is the meaning of trust.

D. Our spiritual life is very simple. It is to listen to the Word of God that is the Scripture, the text as the living word of God. Then we can understand the real meaning in our heart. As we know look at the response of the Lord. Jn 6: reveals the wonderful; event that five bread and two fish feed above 5000 people. Then the people concentrated on the miracle phenomena, but our lord pointed the Scripture. “So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom we shall go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” Then although the disciples did not understand the meaning fully, their heart was wandering and anybody departed from him. Then the Lord “Do you leave from me? Peter told the Lord “Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom we shall go? You have the words of eternal life, “Here, we can find that to believe is first than understanding, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” When we believe unconditionally, we can understand it automatically. Why? The unconditional faith is the present of Holy Spirit to us. This is true faith.

Certain claim that: I believe the word only after I prove it. It is wrong. It is the main point of classical apologetic as the Clement of Alexandria claimed. But we first of all, to believe first makes us known it as Tertullian claimed in his apologetic. The scripture stressed that to trust unconditionally is primary thing in our lives.

Now if we believe in the Word of God, it is the wonderful grace that Holy Spirit provides us. “We admit the order, that is, to believe makes us to know. This principle is very important to overcome our present issues in our lives. So we have to cast ourselves to the Word of God unconditionally. Although we can not understand it, we believe in it, because God commanded to me.

Second principle, it is to obey the command of God.

A. Verse 3 reveals that as they turn around the city one time per day and seven times at the seventh day and shout out, then the city was destroyed (16-19). And accordingly they executed their ministry in the city according to the direction of God. (17-19) Both the destruction and the arrangement were executed by obeying of God’s order. The command of God is the main center in all things. At the any situation it is important to proclaim the word of God. If the word of God stays at the place, it works absolutely. But it does not work in it, it is nothing. So James

confessed that “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” (4:13-15) “This is the wisdom. This is the way of solution of any problems. The power of spiritual life comes to us out of the obedience of the word of God. So the most insightful person is the man of obedience.

B. What do you think of Samuel’s claim, “the obedience is better than the offering?” It is not the word that despises the worship. It means that the obedience is the foundation of worship. Without having the obeying heart, our worship shall lose the meaning in our action as Cain did in Genesis 4:. Cain offered his crop to the Lord. But he did not offer himself to God because he had no the obeying heart. Disobedience of the Word of God makes us to rebel the God’s authority. Actually his external offering have no any problems because we can admit that his offering is the life of grain, just like the blood of the lamb. What was his problem? It is the false faith. Hebrew 11:6 says “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. “Where does the faith stay? It depends on the obeying heart. So the obedience is the life of whole life of Christian life. So Obeying heart makes us to offer our body as living sacrifice in our lives. If our God commands something to us, obey it with our heart, with our life, with our wisdom and with our power. Then you can find you have the power of God in your life. We cannot deceive our living God, and also we can not deceive our neighbors finally. Their false attitude, their unfaithful character surely should be appeared obviously because God reveals in the world. “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. “(Mt10:26-29) This word is very horrible Word and very trembling word. The text points that Israelite obedience is the main secret of spiritual overcome in the warfare. The same stream should be continued.

Third principle is to surrender to God.

A. What is the principle of victory? The unconditional trust and the voluntary obedience is the way of the spiritual victory. (Joshua 1:8) So God stressed the first command to Joshua. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” It is surrender to God. Destroying the city is not the

ultimate goal of God. The miracle affair is not the purpose of God's work. After these things the surrendering attitude is very important. Why? Did God want that they destroyed all enemies in the city, the Canaanite people, goods, gold, silver and garments made by synar. Why did God stress them? Because all goods in the city is the property of God, God's possession. It means we have to teach that surrendering is the key of spiritual warfare. What are the most serious sins in our lives it must be boasting, pride, arrogance. After they occupied the city they could fall down into the corrupted pot, those are; pride, arrogance and boasting, then surrendering attitude is to overcome the inner Jericho, the sinful desire. So when we praise hymn 338, "Father I stretch my hands to thee" we enjoy the peaceful state in our heart.

B. After the wonderful victory, if they do not learn the surrendering attitude, he shall easily incline into the corrupted state as pure food without being preserved. So we should love to follow surrendering heart to every thing in our lives.

C. In our school life we have to be trained by trust unconditionally and obeying the Word of God and surrendering attitude in our lives.

Actually I feel some darkness of our school our students because some students are wondering in the school life. Moreover I saw that Dr. Ezra felt strongly deeply for his students go astray in their ministry. I could feel his love to his students. One day, I had observed our students' state in our school. What are their problems? Food? Money? Clothe? Book? lecture? No. their problem is to stay in inner false attitude before God. There are the trust, the obedience and the surrender issues.

Do not you think so? Now I challenge to you. Do you overcome your spiritual enemy in your life? if you learn this principle and apply now, you can find the wonderful world.

Conclusion:

Cambodia churches met lots of temptation. Among them the Mammonism is working in the church. If our school is pursuing it, our school shall be destroyed absolutely. If anybody loses his privilege, he gets nothing in his life. When we study the word of God, we have to keep the trembling and the fear before God. So we have to follow these principles today too.

Lecture 8- The Reality of Occupying Canaan (Joshua 14:6-15)

Introduction

We think some truth that relates between the occupying Canaan and the birth of Christ or, the presence of Christ. The reason that I compare two each other is to understand the reality of occupying Canaan. What do you think of it? In fact the occupying Canaan was accomplished by the purpose of Christ's coming. (Matthew 1:21), the salvation of his own people in the view of redemptive history.

The occupying Canaan points the reality of redemption, the forgiveness of sins, Immanuel and the assurance of mission. In such meaning we enjoy the reality of Canaan in the Christian life. And also we have to expect to experience the wonderful grace in our present life. Actually it is the experimental of Roman 8: Paul tasted in his life. "I am more than conquerors" or, the abundant life of God's love. Do you enjoy this grace in your life?

I. It is to have the assurance of forgiveness of Sins.(10)

- A. Verse says "What do you find in the event of Canaan's warfare? Why did God want to kill the all tribes of Canaan? I our God, Jehovah so cruel without giving some mercy to poor man? It is like the conqueror as the cruel dictator, Jinghis Khan who was a leader of Mongolian country. His occupying method is to demolish his enemies and his family completely. The method was used by Assyria in history. God's command was worse than the dictator's one. Israel should demolish the all Canaan tribes. What does it mean? We need the right interpretation of that event. It means that God treat the sins. "The debt of sins is the death." The event reveals the true reality to his people. So we can understand one of the realities of occupying Canaan that is the forgiveness of sins. Actually we can enjoy the assurance of forgiveness of sins by confessing our actual conviction. I Jn 1:9 say "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." according to these passages John had enjoyed the abundant grace of the forgiveness of sins. This is the one of the Canaan's reality. What is your worst trouble in your life? It is the sins issue. We have to occupy the issue by the power of God. Although the sin is very strong very miserable in our lives we believe that Jesus Christ solved the issue by his death. We got the freedom out of every sin. So we can enjoy his permanent forgiveness in our lives.
- B. Ex: How cans the adultery woman got the forgiveness of his shameful sins in her life? "I am not condemning you. Do not commit sins." How could Jesus say such things? Because he can do solve every sins that is the essence of the man's problems. And also because he accomplished every sins of his own people as his death of cross. Now our Lord proclaims to us, "I do not condemn you because I am the absolute offering of atonement for you. Already God accepted the price of his death as precious blood. We believe in it.

- C. Example: Today many people struggle their quality feeling in their lives. Once in the inner part. The quality makes us to be worse in our lives. Although we tried to repay the burden of conscience by our good behavior and our good things, we can not calm down the little small voice. Then we should trust on the absolute merit to clean up our sins. Why? Only the merit of Christ can clean up our sins because God accepted his death as absolute substitutive offering for us. So we can believe that after we confessed our sins to God by faith we can say, “Thank God for your merit of Christ. We can praise the Lord because of the merit power of Christ death. This is the reality of occupying Canaan.

II. It is to have the assurance of Immanuel.(12)

A. Second reality of Canaan occupying is must be the experience of Immanuel. Actually Immanuel means the reality of fullness of Holy Spirit and the presence of living God.

B. When we think of the event of Canaan battle we can find the main cause of victory in it. What is it? It is the Immanuel. Actually Immanuel our redemption. What is your ultimate goal in your life? To glorify God and to enjoy God is the purpose of our redemption as well as the means of the redemption. The ultimate goal of our ministry shall be Immanuel that means to be with God, the union state with the Lord.

C. To eat the milk and the honey is important to us, but more important to enjoy Immanuel, the reality of Canaan by the obeying the Word of God and praising the Lord in our Christian life.

D. It is very easy to tend to accomplish some things in the Cambodian ministry rapidly. But we have to concentrate on sustain the state of Immanuel in our ministry in order to build the will of God.

III. It is to have the assurance of the mission.

A. The last reality of Canaan conquering is the assurance of mission. Basically Canaan was the destruction land by the serious sins of 7 tribes, idolatry and adultery. Then God drove them out the outside, bestowed them to his own people as the blessing land that points the sanctuary to fellowship between God and is people, that is the main climax state of covenant. In the New Testament it is the state in Christ. What is the real Canaan? It is the state in Christ. And also what is the reality of Canaan? It is to obey the great command of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Mt28:18-19 says “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and also 1Tim2:2 says “for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”

From two passages we can summarize two kinds, evangelism and education to make disciples in all nations. This is the purpose of the church in the world. When the church concentrates on this one, they can enjoy the reality of Canaan in the Christian life. In Cambodia we can enjoy the reality of Canaan, although we meet much suffering in our lives.

B. Do you enjoy conquering Canaan in your life? How do you enjoy the real Canaan in your life? When we live in Cambodia personally I enjoy the natural situation in Cambodia in my trip I love that. But I love the Canaan in Christ. If I do not know these things my life shall be empty. Do not you think so?

Conclusion:

In history Israel did not enjoy the reality of Canaan in their times. They did not understand the reality of Canaan until Christ came on the earth. Today we stay in the same case. O we should concentrate on the reality of Canaan in our school life. What are they? The reality of Canaan is remission, Immanuel and mission. Let us enjoy the abundant grace in our lives.

Lecture 9- Clear the Promised Land (Joshua 17:14-18)

The people of Joseph said to Joshua, “Why have you given us only one allotment and one portion for an inheritance? We are a numerous people, and the LORD has blessed us abundantly.” “If you are so numerous,” Joshua answered, “and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites.” The people of Joseph replied, “The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain have chariots fitted with iron, both those in Beth Shan and its settlements and those in the Valley of Jezreel.” But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—“You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have chariots fitted with iron and though they are strong, you can drive them out.”

Introduction:

It is not easy to occupy the land and to give them to 12 tribes. Although God promised to provide the land taken by fighting with the Canaanites, if they do not

try to do the voluntary challenge and the absolute obedience and to keep the holiness after occupying the land, it shall be bread on a picture. So, above of all, the settlement of Canaan needed to have the spirit of the pioneer. Actually to manage the allotted land to make it as a residence demanded to have the strong frontier spirit and the obvious decision.

The text shows us the principles of conquer by understanding the divine spirit of Joshua. As such Israel, the Christian is a pilgrim and a pioneer in his life. How did they clear up the land?

First, they should stand up firmly in front of the forest (17-18).

A. According to verses 17-18 Joshua commanded to stand firm before the great mountain to the descendants of Joseph. “But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—“You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours;”

B. First of all, Joshua shows that they should stand up before the forest that they might clear it. This is the expression of their faith before God. Whenever we meet any problems, we have to challenge against that issue. Just like the people of great faith had done in their lives in the Scripture.

Ex: Zurubabel stood up firm before the great mountain. Zechariah 4:6-7 says “Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. Who are you, O Great Mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

Ex: Peter concentrated on the lame that was sat on the place of the temple. (Acts3:4-6) And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” Peter stood up before the problem.

Ex: Joshua looked up the city Jericho to destroy it by the power of God. When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?”(Joshua 3:13) Joshua looked up the Canaan before he entered into the land.

C. In the chapter five of Ephesians, we can find the same experience. The Christian who abide in Christ should stand firm up in Christ. (Ephesians 6:13-14) “Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,” One who settles in Christ can stand firm up in Him and then he can walk toward another place. To stand before the problem clearly is very important. Although we meet

impossible problems we have to stand firm in front of the problems. This is the faith.

D. Our God permits some problems as such forest for us in order to make us grown toward imitate Christ's image, those are, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Psalms 23:4 says “deep valley of death, “the chaos of our enemy.” “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” And also we find the same experience in our personal life, in our school life and in our ministry.

E. What is the motive to occupy the mountain of Perith and Rbaim? It was two problems before them.

1. First motive is that they had small heritage. We should believe that our Lord works in the small thing and in a difficult issue. Is. 57:14 Says For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:” I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. “ “

Paul says “I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”(Philiphian4:12-13) This is the principle of his success. If you have any worse situation and any weak points, do not worry about that. God prepared everything for you. At that time you can stand up firm before your problems.

2. Moreover, the second motive is our enemy’s strong attack. Two primitive Canaanites tribes were very strong because they had iron chariot in that day. Historically their forefathers were the giant people. Og of Bashan was belonged to them. Their residence was the wide plain and the deep valley as a natural fortress. Then Joshua commanded that they themselves must attack the tribes. Although anybody took afraid the situation and fall down into frustration, they stand firm up before them with assurance. Strong attack made them to be more conviction.

David took the wonderful victory against Goliath, a giant of the Palestine by trusting the almighty Lord. “ “

Ex. As we know, look at the first vision of Zechariah that reveals the deep dark state. Zechariah saw the rider on the red horse in the myrtle tree forest in the deep valley. (1:8) what does it mean? The salvation of God comes out of depth, chaos, valley and the darkness. (It means sins conviction and destruction) So the one who is saved by God's grace should understand sides of valley and plain, darkness and light.

May the boldness of God be with you consistently in your heart!

Second, we need to have not the passive attitude, but the active attitude.

A. Verses 16 and 18 say “clear the land by themselves.” It means the stress of

independence. Actually Adam lost true independent attitude after his committing sin before God. His autonomous destroyed him totally. But the second Adam, Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross and restored us out of the sin, the automus beings into the new men by believing his merit. As we depend on Christ, finally we can independent truly in Christ. It means that we need active attitude to the work of God.

B. We have to take careful passive attitude to the work of the Lord. For example, “after 5 years I shall be a great believer.” “Although I am poor surely I shall become a rich man after 5 years.” etc. Satan love to put this thought to us. Although all positive thinking are not true faith, generally true faith shall be revealed as strong positive thought and faithful active attitude because God is their background in every things.

Do you have such active attitude in your school life and in your ministry?

III. We have to take the proper insight (wisdom) to overcome the suffering .

A. Verses 16-18 says “But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—“You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment 18but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have chariots fitted with iron and though they are strong, you can drive them out.”

B. They have real wisdom that overcomes the present suffering. This is the faith. Joshua exhorted them that they can overcome their enemies for themselves. Of course, God shall help them until occupying the land.

True faith products in the present problem, present suffering and present troubles by standing firm before God. We learn the truth about true faith to relate to the suffering.

1. First of all, the true faith comes out of knowing the object of faith, God. The knowledge is depended on the Scripture. So we always search for the criteria of the Scripture, whenever we read the Scripture and meditate it in our heart.

2. True faith was made of much examination through trial. So James teaches that as we meet several temptation in our lives, rejoice in Christ. James 1:3-4 says “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. Why? Suffering makes training and perseverance and endurance in our lives. Finally we shall be changed into the image of God. We believe in it.

Conclusion:

As we know, the symbolism of cleaning Canaanite land points the management of

our heart in our Christian life. It means we have to grow up in the grace of Christ. As soon as their occupying work had finished they continuously manage the land to establish the will of God, the theocracy, the kingdom of God. Although they failed to erect it in Canaan, the eternal will of God could not be changed, rather, through the process of their failure the original purpose was appeared obviously in history. Finally the kingdom of God was fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

So all Christians should stand up before the forest of his problem and have the active attitude and the proper wisdom in his heart. In our Christian life we devote ourselves to clear our redemptive grace to glorify God, and then we can be changed into the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. [The end]

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