

The Promised Land

Heb. 4:11-16

Notice, the “throne of grace”. This is how we enter into our ‘rest’.

Last week: Rom. 5:2 – *through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

The Promised Land

Much of the ‘inheritance’ God gave His saints in the Old Covenant was in the form of the ‘Promised Land’.

*Then He brought us **out** from there, that He might bring us **in**, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. (Deut 6:23)*

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. (Deut 8:7-9).

We don’t have a *physical* “promised land”, but a “land of promises”.

Our Inheritance - Three Promises

(1) *His Presence*

- Old Covenant – physically located; from afar (pillar; tabernacle)
- New Covenant – by His Spirit, within us
 - *John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*
 - *Eph 2:22 - in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

(2) *His Purpose*

- Old Covenant – be fruitful and multiply (Gen. 1:28)
- New Covenant – make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20)

(3) *His Provision*

- Old Covenant – a *physical* land of provision

- New Covenant – a land of *promises* of provision
 - Matt. 6:33
 - Phil. 4:19
 - 2 Cor. 9:8 - *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

The Way We Receive

Is the same in both covenants – by faith! (Heb. 4:11)

God is a God of faith – Heb. 11:6