

Enjoying Victory

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I. Introduction.

- A. The greatest need of the church is to match the promises of God with its own performance.
- B. The promises of God must be lived out in our experience.
- C. Just because God gives a promise does not mean that the application is automatic.
- D. Text: Joshua 21:43.

II. God made promises to Joshua that were all fulfilled. (Joshua 1)

III. We have difficulty believing God because some trust God for things that He never really promised.

IV. Five payments Israel had to make to get from point A to point B.

- A. The price of conflict. Accepting the promises of God involves conflict.
- B. The price of patience. God is not obligated to solve our problems quickly.
- C. The price of cooperation. We need one another in upholding the promises of God. (Joshua 12:1, Colossians 2)
- D. The price of submission. (Joshua 17, Proverbs 15:33)
- E. The price of watchfulness. (Joshua 17:13)
 - 1. God wanted His people to live in constant dependence upon Him—they always had an enemy nearby.
 - 2. God also used the enemies of Israel as a means of discipline.

V. Our territory as believers.

- A. The goal we are trying to conquer is satisfaction with God.
- B. The Lord is the believer's portion—He is his inheritance.

Application questions:

1. Which price do you think the church has the most difficulty paying today? Explain.

2. Why is it important to have another person help you fulfill God's promises in your life?

3. What role does dependence upon God play in the believer's life? Explain.
