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Enemies In The Promised Land

“The New Covenant IS our Promised Land!”

- I. Five specific enemy targets
 - A. Religion - bondage
 - B. Rebellion – to turn off, forsake, abandon
 - C. Familiar spirits – looking to the flesh/natural
 - D. Python – divination/containment/limits
 - E. Pharmakaeia – witchcraft, addiction

- II. Acts 16:16-40 The girl with the spirit of divination (python)
 - A. This evil spirit tried to attach itself to Paul’s ministry by speaking the right things.

- III. 2 Corinthians 12:1-12 Paul’s thorn in the flesh
 - A. “My Grace is sufficient for you.”
 - B. You throw it out yourself.
 - C. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal . . .”

- IV. Numbers 33:50-55 Moses in the plain of Moab by Jordan near Jericho . . .
“drive out the inhabitants of the land . . .”
 - A. v52-53 Drive out, dispossess the land
 - B. v55 If you don’t drive them out, they will be pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides

- V. Joshua 23:1-16 Joshua in Israel (v13)
 - A. v6-7 Be courageous . . . bow not nor serve the enemies
 - B. Cleave to the Lord.
 - C. v12-13 If you serve the enemies, they will be snares and traps to you . . .

- VI. Judges 2:1-5 The angel of the Lord speaks to Israel
- A. They had a covenant promise. But, they made league with the enemies, and did not throw down the enemy altars.
 - B. They got thorns in their sides, and snares to their lives.
 - C. The people wept and sacrificed to the Lord.
 - D. They should have merely obeyed.
 - E. 1 Samuel 15:22 To obey is better than sacrifice.
- VII. Jesus has secured the New Covenant Promised Land
- A. Acts 10:38 “doing good, healing all who were oppressed of the devil”
 - B. Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . .”
 - C. John 14:12 “He who believes will do the same things that I do.”
- VIII. Our Lord and King has given us the Responsibility and Power to possess the Promised Land of the New Covenant.
- A. Romans 8:37 We are “more than conquerors.”
 - B. Mark 16:17 “In my name they shall cast out devils.”
 - C. Luke 10:17-20 “Power over all the power of the enemy.”
 - D. Acts 5:12-16 Some people took Jesus seriously.
- IX. No friendship with the world – Speaking of the spirits, especially!
- A. 1 John 2:15-17
 - 1. Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life
 - 2. The will of God abides forever!
 - B. James 4:4 Friendship with the world is enmity with God.
 - C. Galatians 1:10 Seek to please God, not men!
 - 1. Quit being so afraid of offending some man/woman, that you allow the enemy to remain in your Promised Land.
- X. You are called to Liberty from demon influences!
- A. 1 John 5:4 Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.
 - B. Galatians 5:1 Stand fast in the liberty . . . and be not entangled
 - C. 1 John 4:1 Believe not every spirit, . . . try the spirits!
- XI. Enforce Jesus’ Victory in your Promised Land
- A. John 16:33 Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
 - B. 1 John 4:4 You have overcome them, because greater is He Who is IN you than he who is in the world.