

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

Getting to the Right Side

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Joshua 3:5-17

For Israel the crossing of the Jordan meant they were irrevocably committed to a struggle against armies, chariots, and fortified cities. They were also committed to walk by faith in the living God and to turn from walking according to the flesh as they had often done in the wilderness.

For believers today, crossing the Jordan represents passing from one level of the Christian life to another. (It is not a picture of a believer dying and entering heaven. For the Israelites Canaan was hardly heaven!) It is a picture of entering into spiritual warfare to claim what God has promised. To get to the right side, we must follow the LORD, sanctify ourselves, and follow courageous leadership. This is the end of a life lived by human effort and the beginning of a life of faith and obedience that comes about when the believer makes the decision to follow the Lord.

When we follow the LORD:

1. We will be what _____

Behold, the **ark of the covenant** of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. Joshua 3:11 ESV

So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the **ark of the covenant** before the people,
Joshua 3:14 ESV

In following the ark of the covenant of the LORD, it is to remind us to be

- a. Conscious of God's _____ (The tablets of the Ten Commandments)
- b. Controlled by God's _____ (Aaron, the High Priest's rod)
- c. Clinging to God's _____ (A jar of manna).

2. We will see what _____

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do **wonders** among you." Joshua 3:5 ESV

And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, **the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.**" Joshua 3:13 ESV

3. We will do what _____

Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, **and all Israel was passing over on dry ground** until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Joshua 3:17 ESV

In the process of being what we have never been,

seeing what we have never seen,

and doing what we have never done,

we will go _____.