

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

Coming To Your Gilgal
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Joshua 5:1-12

For forty years, God had been sustaining His children with Manna. That manna had done its job. All of God's children had been fed. All of God's children had been given the provisions that they needed to survive. But now they had crossed to the other side. Now that they had faced their challenge, faced their trial and crossed that Jordan. God now had a new provision for His people. Two things changed once they crossed over-
MANNA and MOUNTAINS. They went from surviving on manna, to feasting on all the blessed foods of the Holy Land. They went from pressing toward their goal (the Holy Land) to claiming their mountains! The general lesson that God teaches us always comes back to these three steps: obedience, victory, and blessing.

WHAT IS GILGAL?

"And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day." Joshua 5:9

Gilgal is the place where God has _____ in an area of our life. Notice the growth that preceded the removal of reproach:

1. Obedience through the _____.

"At that time the Lord said to Joshua, **"Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time."** So **Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel** at Gibeath-haaraloth."

Joshua 5:2-3

2. Victory as we _____.

"When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, **they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed."**

Joshua 5:8

3. The open door _____.

"And the day after the Passover, on that very day, **they ate of the produce of the land**, unleavened cakes and parched grain. **And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people** of Israel, but **they ate of the fruit of the land** of Canaan that year."

Joshua 5:11-12