

I'M CAMPING TOWARD CANAAN'S HAPPY LAND - THE TRULY BLESSED MAN

Intro.

- A. **Psa 1:1-3; Psa 9:1-2; Psa 111:1-10** ---- As we just finished the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to address the Truly blessed man - from the view point of not really appreciating what we have and what we can look forward to.
- a. In so many ways we see this attitude right here in this country with the Black Friday setting.
 - b. A day after being thankful for all that we have - and stuffing ourselves with so much food on one table - that is not seen in some countries around the world in a month or a year, many head out to fight each other over the savings of Black Friday.
 - (1) In some cases even trampling over each other - rude behavior and full out aggression towards each other to purchase what one already has.
 - c. This is not a new situation it is one that we can see in the Old Testament with regards to the children of God of the O.T.
 - (1) They were slaves in the Land of Egypt and God promised them a “land flowing with milk and honey.”
 - (2) All they had to do was obey and be faithful to Him.
 - (3) Yet with all of this in sight and at hand they failed to inherit the land - it took another 40 years before they were able to cross over in this land of Promise.
 - d. Oh to serve such a wonderful God who has promised us so many blessings that our table overflows and our every need is met.
 - (1) God promises to fill our needs not our wants.
- B. The promised land! Just across Jordan it lay! It was indeed a land that flowed with milk and honey.
1. It was a land of rest in which many good things were given. **Psalm 105:43-44; Deut. 6:10-12**
 - a. **Psalm 105:43-44** (NKJV) - 43 He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness. 44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations,
 - b. **Deuteronomy 6:10-12** (NKJV) - 10 “So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, 11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant— when you have eaten and are full— 12 then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- C. The promised land of the Old Testament was a figure of the true.
1. There remains a rest to the people of God today. **Heb. 4:9**
 - a. **Hebrews 4:9** (NKJV) - 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.
- D. In this lesson we want to examine the promised land of the Old and New Testaments that we might learn to fully appreciate their's and our's.
1. So that we can learn to fully appreciate how truly blessed we are to be “children of God” and to faithfully obey God’s every command - not seeing them as burdensome or inconvenient but as a joy to serve with a thankful and good heart.

II. THE PROMISED LAND OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

- A. God's people of old were a long time in receiving their promised land.
1. The land promise was first made to Abraham. - **Genesis 12:1-3** (NKJV) ---- 1 Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” **Genesis 12:7** (NKJV) ---- 7 Then the Lord

appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

a. Abraham did not receive the promised land but all his life was only a sojourner in it. **Acts 7:4-5; Heb. 11:8-10**

(1) **Acts 7:4-5** (NKJV) - 4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell. 5 And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.

(2) **Hebrews 11:8-10** (NKJV) - 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

2. The promise was renewed in Isaac. **Gen. 26:3-5**

a. **Genesis 26:3-5** (NKJV) - 3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

3. It was also renewed in Jacob. **Gen. 28:13-15**

a. **Genesis 28:13-15** (NKJV) - 13 And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

b. Generation after generation this promise was made - much in the same way as the promise of eternal life to all who obey God.

B. The years passed and at the close of the life of Jacob their descendants had not yet inherited the land.

1. Because of the great famine in the time of Joseph, the Israelites were made to sojourn in Egypt.

2. When Joseph died, he said by faith that God would visit them and they would carry up his bones into the land that God promised. **Gen. 50:24-26; Heb. 11:22**

a. **Genesis 50:24-26** (NKJV) - 24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

b. **Hebrews 11:22** (NKJV) - 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

C. There arose another Pharaoh over Egypt who did not know Joseph, and the Israelites were made slaves.

1. They served under cruel bondage for many years. Then came the mighty figure, Moses.

a. At the age of forty, Moses was impetuous and ready to deliver the people.

b. However, at the age of eighty he was more seasoned and humbled, and God appeared to him in the burning bush and said that the time had come for the deliverance of His people. **Ex. 3:7-8**

- (1) **Exodus 3:7-8** (NKJV) - 7 And the Lord said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.
2. God worked great wonders in Egypt and magnified His name greatly.
3. After the death of all the firstborn in Egypt, the Egyptians were more than willing to let the people go.
 - a. All of this had been already revealed to Abraham when he was living. **Gen. 15:13-16**
 - (1) **Genesis 15:13-16** (NKJV) - 13 Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”
4. God led the Israelites from Egypt to Mount Sinai where he gave them the law.
 - a. Much of this first Covenant was symbolical of another spiritual one that was to follow.
 - b. Its tabernacle and sacrifices prefigured the good things of the New Covenant. **Heb. 9:11-12; 10:1**
 - (1) **Hebrews 9:11-12** (NKJV) - 11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.
 - (2) **Hebrews 10:1** (NKJV) - 1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.
 - (3) This is the blessings that we have today that makes us truly blessed in every way.
- D. After leaving Mount Sinai, they came to the Southern end of Canaan and Moses sent twelve men to spy out the promised land.
 1. All things were now ready for them to go in and inherit the land, but ten of the spies framed an evil report which discouraged the people and brought on a rebellion. **Num. 13:30-14:3**
 - a. **Numbers 13:30-14:3** (NKJV) - 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.” 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” 1 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?”
 - b. All this made God very angry, and He swore in His wrath that all those above twenty years old, would not enter in the promised land.
 - c. Their children would be the ones to enter in. **Num. 14:28-31**

- (1) **Numbers 14:28-31** (NKJV) - 28 Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: 29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. 30 Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. 31 But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised.
2. Their reaction is labeled "grasshopper philosophy" because there are several things they wilfully forgot:
 - a. God never breaks his promise.
 - b. The power was not in themselves.
 - c. They, too, were part of God's plan.
 - d. God punishes for lack of faith
- (1) Those evil men died of the plague before the Lord. **Num. 14:36-37**
 - (a) **Numbers 14:36-37** (NKJV) - 36 Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, 37 those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the Lord.
3. For their lack of faith and rebellion, the Israelites were turned back and made to wander in the wilderness for forty years.
 - a. As children of God today we need to remind ourselves daily that “God is the same today as He was yesterday and as He will be tomorrow.”
- E. After the deaths of all that generation, from twenty years old and upward, and after the death of Moses, it was time for them to go in and receive the land.
 1. Joshua, their new Commander, was commissioned and encouraged to go in and take the land. **Joshua 1:2,6**
 - a. **Joshua 1:2** (NKJV) - 2 “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.
 - b. **Joshua 1:6** (NKJV) - 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.
 2. The conquest was simple, but effective.
 - a. They drove through at the center and took Jericho, Ai and other cities.
 - b. They then went Southward and conquered the people and broke down their idols.
 - c. In the North, five kings formed an alliance to defeat Joshua, but Joshua came upon them in a surprise attack and destroyed them.
 - (1) God aided Joshua and the Israelites in defeating them. **Joshua 10:11**
 - (a) **Joshua 10:11** (NKJV) - 11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.
 3. Thus, they conquered and annihilated most of the peoples of the land.
 - a. God wanted those peoples destroyed because of their extreme wickedness. **Lev. 18:24-25; Deut. 9:4**
 - (1) **Leviticus 18:24-25** (NKJV) - 24 ‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. 25 For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants.
 - (2) **Deuteronomy 9:4** (NKJV) - 4 “Do not think in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, saying, ‘Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to

possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out from before you.

- b. Only Rahab and the Gibeonites were wise enough to turn to God. **Joshua 2:9; 9:24**
 - (1) **Joshua 2:9** (NKJV) - 9 and said to the men: "I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.
 - (2) **Joshua 9:24** (NKJV) - 24 So they answered Joshua and said, "Because your servants were clearly told that the Lord your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.
- F. God fulfilled every good thing that he said he would do to their fathers. **Joshua 21:43-45**
 - 1. **Joshua 21:43-45** (NKJV) - 43 So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. 44 The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.
 - a. The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua. **Judges 2:6-7**
 - (1) **Judges 2:6-7** (NKJV) - 6 And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land. 7 So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel.
 - 2. Thus, that's a brief account of the Bible story of the promised land. They inherited it and built a new society which was the best that men had up to that time.
- G. They lived in tents and tarried in a dry and wilderness region - but the reward and the fulfillment of the promises of God was worth it all.
 - 1. What about us today - the children of God who abide under the promises of the New Testament?

III. THE PROMISED LAND OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

- A. There is a land of rest promised to us. **Heb. 4:7-11; Rev. 14:13**
 - 1. **Hebrews 4:7-11** (NKJV) - 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.
 - a. **Revelation 14:13** (NKJV) - 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."
 - 2. Our promised land is beautifully described in **Rev. 22:1-5**
 - a. **Revelation 22:1-5** (NKJV) - 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

3. Described by many figures, it is a place built and prepared by the living God. **Heb. 11:10; 2 Cor. 5:1; John 14:2**
 - a. **Hebrews 11:10** (NKJV) - 10 For he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
 - b. **2 Corinthians 5:1** (NKJV) - 1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
 - c. **John 14:2** (NKJV) - 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
4. It is a place of peace and happiness. **Rev. 21:4**
 - a. **Revelation 21:4** (NKJV) - 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
- B. As were the Patriarchs, we also are sojourners here on earth . **Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 2:11**
 1. **Hebrews 11:13-16** (NKJV) - 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.
 - a. **1 Peter 2:11** (NKJV) - 11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,
 2. This world is not our home; we are just passing through.
 3. Everything here is fleeting and transitory. **2 Cor. 4:16-18**
 - (1) **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** (NKJV) - 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
 4. Many live as though this world will always be their home. It cannot be. **Heb. 9:27**
 - a. **Hebrews 9:27** (NKJV) - 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,
 5. Many, because of their wickedness and rejection of God, have nothing more than the things of this life.
 6. However, we have a promised land ahead of us.
- C. Some conquering must be done before we can inherit our promised land.
 1. The conquest of the land was necessary.
 2. We must conquer Satan in our lives. **Eph. 6:12-16**
 - a. **Ephesians 6:12-16** (NKJV) - 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

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- b. We must put down all those base impulses characterized by the wicked people of the lands that were conquered.
 - c. The false gods of lust, greed, irreverence and wickedness must be destroyed.
 - d. We must live godly lives in all holiness and purity in our sojourn here. **1 Pet. 1:13-17**
 - (1) **1 Peter 1:13-17** (NKJV) - 13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;
3. Also, there is a world to be conquered with the gospel.
- a. We do it with our spiritual weapons. **2 Cor. 10:3-4; Eph. 6:17**
 - (1) **2 Corinthians 10:3-4** (NKJV) - 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
 - (2) **Ephesians 6:17** (NKJV) - 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
 - b. This may seem like an impossible task, but beware of the "grasshopper philosophy."
 - c. Through much diligence and patience we can convert many to Christ;
- D. We have the same danger of failing to enter in as they did. **Heb. 3:16-19; 4:11**
- 1. **Hebrews 3:16-19** (NKJV) - 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.
 - a. **Hebrews 4:11** (NKJV) - 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.
 - 2. Their failures serve as examples to admonish us. **1 Cor. 10:9-11**
 - a. **1 Corinthians 10:9-11** (NKJV) - 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.
 - 3. Let us not make the same mistakes as they did and fail to enter in.
- E. We need to be courageous as was Joshua and his soldiers. **Deut. 31:7-8**
- 1. **Deuteronomy 31:7-8** (NKJV) - 7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. 8 And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."
 - 2. We need to be bold, strong, courageous that we might have the endurance to enter in. **1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 1:7**
 - a. **1 Corinthians 16:13** (NKJV) - 13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
 - b. **2 Timothy 1:7** (NKJV) - 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
 - 3. We should fear no adversary because there is none that can defeat us. **Phil. 1:28; Prov. 28:1**
 - a. **Philippians 1:28** (NKJV) - 28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

- b. **Proverbs 28:1** (NKJV) - 1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- F. By overcoming the base impulses, by conquering the world with the gospel, and by being courageous in all the trials and difficulties of life, that promised land will be ours to inherit some day.

Concl.

- A. Their promised land was a literal land, rich and fertile, and in many cases where houses, wells, gardens, and orchards were already built and planted.
- B. Our promised land is spiritual wherein great eternal bliss and happiness will be ours.
 - 1. It is a paradise built by the living God.
 - 2. It is the reception of those mansions on high where we will live with God forever.
- C. Are you camping toward that happy land? Are you walking in that way that leads to the promised land?
- D. If you are not a Christian, why not become one?
 - 1. An Israelite was born into God's family by physical birth. Christians are born into God's family by spiritual birth.
 - 2. We must be born of water and of the spirit. **John 3:5** (NKJV) - 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
 - a. To be born of water means to be baptized. You must be buried in water and come forth to walk in a new life. **Rom. 6:3-4** (NKJV) - 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
 - b. To be born of the Spirit means to be born of the teachings of the Spirit. **1 Cor. 12:13; 1 Pet. 1:23; James 1:18**
 - (1) **1 Corinthians 12:13** (NKJV) - 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
 - (2) **1 Peter 1:23** (NKJV) - 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,
 - (3) **James 1:18** (NKJV) - 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
- 3. Will you not be born into God's family and then start walking in the way that leads to the promised land?
 - a. If you have strayed away, will you not return to the true path that leads to that heavenly land?

Several Things They Wilfully Forgot:

- b. God Never Breaks His Promises.
- c. The Power Was Not In Themselves.
- d. They, Too, Were Part Of God's Plan.
- e. God Punishes For Lack Of Faith.

Who Were The Ones Who Did Not Reach The Promised Land?

(Heb. 3:16-19)

- (1) The Rebellious
- (2) The Sinful
- (3) The Disobedient
- (4) The Disbelievers

They failed to conquer their base impulses:

- **False gods (Golden Calf)**
Today: Sex, Silver, Science, Sports
- **Tempted God (Murmuring & Complaining)**
Today: Many can't be happy with anything
- **Grasshopper Philosophy (Unbelief)**
Today: We can conquer; We can enter our rest