

TUESDAY**Heirs of Promises**

Joshua 1:2 “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.

- God = Owner of land = gift of promise to people
- **I AM GIVING** =verb form/“to give”/reflects **PROCESS** of giving land
 - only Transjordan territories = had been occupied by Israel
 - Most Promised Land = had yet to be taken by faith/patience

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon **I have given** you, as I said to Moses.

- Vs. 3 **I HAVE GIVEN** = different form “to give” = perfect tense
God / as subject of action = form called “the prophetic perfect”
- What God has promised in His Word
 - is **assured fact** = that can be trusted as present reality

Let me add:

Romans 4:13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but **through the righteousness of faith.**

Romans 4:17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father—Gen 17:5] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, [GOD] Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed.

Isaiah 46:10 God knows end from beginning = declares it

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of **your** [plural pronoun form] foot will tread upon I have given **you** [plural form also] as I said to Moses.

- promise not only to Joshua = but to entire people of Israel
- Reference to promise to Moses = conveys continuity of God’s cause

ABSG Also, the word *kol*, “all,” “every,” is repeated numerous times in the first chapter. The pervasive presence of this noun expresses the totality and integrity that is crucial to attaining the objective set before Joshua. There has to be a perfect alignment between God, Joshua, and the people of Israel in order to assure success in the forthcoming conquest of the Promised Land. **UNQUOTE**

Joshua 1:4–6 ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, **all** the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be 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.

- **At that moment = Promised Land was exactly that = A PROMISE**
- **Yet = God calls it = an INHERITANCE**
- **What does it mean to be the heirs of God’s promises?**

Hebrews 6:17–18 (AMP) ¹⁷Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly and beyond doubt to those who were to **inherit the promise** the unchangeableness of His purpose and plan, intervened (mediated) with an oath. ¹⁸This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and set before [us].

ABSG There is nothing magical about the promises of God. They don’t have the power in and of themselves to secure their own fulfillment. The **guarantee** that they will come true lies in the presence of God, who says: “I will be with you.” Indeed, the presence of the Lord was crucial

for the survival of Israel. Without it, they would be only one among many nations, with no special call, identity, or mission (*Exod. 33:12–16*). The presence of the Lord was everything Joshua needed to succeed.

- Nothing today has changed = we have promise of Jesus found in **Matthew 28:20** “I am with you always, even to / end of the age.”

LET ME ADD:

Hebrews 7:22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety [GUARANTOR] of a better covenant.

- As we stay in covenant relationship w/Christ--He guarantees success
- He = Guarantor **from God to us**, **2 Corinthians 1:20** “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen
- No matter how many promises God has made
 - they find their “yes” answer in Christ
- And He is the Guarantor **from us toward God**, for **Philippians 2:13** He “works in you both to will and to do His good pleasure”
- Jesus promises **2 Corinthians 12:9** “My grace is sufficient for you,
 - for My strength is made perfect in weakness”
- That’s why Paul could claim, **Philippians 4:13** “I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me”
- Anyone in covenant relationship w/Christ can make = same claim

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He [Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Hebrews 6:12 do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

- Must apply w/we learn to our lives = otherwise become apathetic and spiritually stagnant = if not growing/we die
- **Hebrews 3:18–19** ¹⁸And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.