



THE PROMISE OF GOD STANDS FIRM.

Joshua 1:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11

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The book of Joshua is a book of conquest and possessing God's promised inheritance of the land of Canaan. Genesis 15:1-20 ...*To your descendants I have given this land...* Israel was to possess a land that God had already given them, a land with great abundance (and giants!).

"Possess" is the Hebrew word "yaresh" meaning to occupy by driving out previous tenants, and possessing in their place; to seize, to expel, to destroy, to enjoy.

Victorious living over the power and harassment of the enemy is a PROMISE from God. However, these promises are never received in a passive manner. The devil (meaning slanderer, adversary) NEVER plays fair. He piles up the attacks and hurls them at us when we are at our weakest! He also uses life's challenges for his opportunity and works to defeat us through discouragement, fear, anxiety, etc.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE, "JESUS STYLE." MATTHEW 4:1-11

Jesus, in His weakest physical state, used Old Testament Scripture (the "Rhema" Word of God) to defeat satan in the wilderness.

The two words for "Word" — One is Logos, the expression of God (Jesus, the Bible, etc.). The other is Rhema, the personal revelation of God's Logos that has become real to us. Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word (Rhema) of God.* It is also used in Ephesians 6:17 *...the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word (Rhema) of God.*

1. Satan's first temptation: IF You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.
 - Christ's response from Deuteronomy 8:3, *It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."*
2. Satan's second temptation: IF You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written, *"He shall give His angels charge over you,"* and, *"In their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone."* (Logos in Psalm 91:11-12)

- Christ's response from Deuteronomy 6:16, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"
3. Satan's third temptation: Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You IF You will fall down and worship me."
- Christ's response from Deuteronomy 6:13, "Away with you, (get behind Me) Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

The battle is spiritual and must be fought IN God's strength, WITH God's Word. We have a powerful weapon when God's Word is used with personal understanding and genuine accuracy!

THE "ARC" METHOD

1. **ACCURATELY** — Goliath's strength was his pride. David then defeated him using the correct (accurate) Word against Goliath. Jesus used Old Testament Scriptures that specifically addressed the very temptation satan threw at Him.
2. **REPEATEDLY** — It took Jesus three times during this particular confrontation. Understand that our spiritual enemy attempts to wear us down by fighting us from different angles. Stand firm!
3. **CONFIDENTLY** — God's Word is the most powerful weapon we have. Stand firm in faith and let nothing move you.

Our ONLY weapon against the attacks of the devil is God's Rhema Word used accurately, repeatedly, and confidently.

Read Mark 1:32-34, 16:17-18; Luke 4:41, 9:1-2, 10:17-20; Romans 16:20; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:11.



FATHER, we believe and we receive Your promise of absolute victory over ALL the power and works of the devil (1 John 3:8). In Jesus' Name. Amen!