

Ours for the taking

Joshua 1:3-7

Introduction:

Have you ever found yourselves someplace and said what am I doing here. Today we are going to answer that question. What are we doing here in Lorain?

Scripture:

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From 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. 5 No 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. 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. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Key Points:

1. We have a promise in Gods purpose.
2. We have the promise of Gods presence.
3. We have the promise of Gods faithfulness.
4. What is required by us?

Outline:

1. We have a promise in Gods purpose.
 - a. What is that promise?
 - i. "I will give you every place where you set your foot.
 - b. The purpose is this :
 - i. Just as God promised Israel the promised land HE has promised us Lorain, This city is our promised land are you ready to enter it and claim it in the name of the Lord so that others will see HIS majesty, glory and saving grace?
 - ii. It was God who placed us here in this building at this time.
2. We have the promise of Gods presence.
 - a. "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you"
 - i. Forsake- means abandon.
 - (1) He will never turn HIS back on us or leave us to wonder around aimlessly.
 - ii. God is saying leave the burden of success on me.
 - (1) God will build HIS church (Matthew 16:18) And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the

gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

3. We have the promise of Gods faithfulness.
 - a. “You will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them”
 - b. We are here in Lorain to bring people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ so that they can inherit the Kingdom of God and spend eternity with HIM in glory.
 - c. God has made a commitment to Joshua as well as to us and when HE makes a commitment it will not fail, we will not fail.
 - d. Are you ready to claim that promise church? I am.
4. What is required by us?
 - a. We are to be strong, courageous, obedient and focused no matter where we are.
 - b. If we are willing to live in a close relationship with God there is no reason for fear or discouragement.

Church are you ready to enter into the promised land that is Lorain? God has made a commitment to Lighthouse Baptist Church, are you ready to make a commitment to God to stand strong and be courageous and share the gospel so that others may come into the Glorious power of redemption in the cross of Christ so that they can enter the glory of life everlasting in heaven?

Conclusion:

Are you here and need the Lord as your savior? Do you need to rededicate your life to Christ? Are you needing to join this family of believers then allow me to encourage you to do that today. Are you ready to stand with me as we enter the land in which the Lord God has given us?