

Joshua

Possessing the Promise

"The Secret of Our Success"

INTRO: *The book of Joshua takes begins where Deuteronomy ended, with the death of Moses (Deut.34). This first study encapsulates the book's theme. Do we want to spiritually prosper? These opening verses tell us how.*

I. God has made _____ to His people (1:1-4).

God promised Land to Abraham's descendants (Genesis 12:1-3). The Land symbolizes God's promise of sanctification to the Christian.

II. No outside person or power can frustrate God's _____ but God's people can fail to _____

them (1:5a). *Israel would face challenges in possessing the Promised Land just as Christians do in sanctification. But these challenges are not the real problem; the problem is us!*

III. To possess God's _____, _____ according to God's _____ (1:5b-9).

The passage lays out two points that undergird our success.

A. Be confidently courageous with God's

_____ *(NT Believers have the Holy Spirit; Cf. John 14:Matt. 28:20).*

B. Be carefully compliant to God's _____.

His prescriptions are commands to obey.