

Joshua

Possessing the Promise

"Commitment Before Conquest"

INTRO: *Before Israel could proceed with her conquest of the Promise Land, she needed to **remember** 1) her commitment to the covenant and 2) God's commitment to her in salvation.*

I. God's people have _____ of their _____.

The nations inhabiting the Promise Land were Israel's enemies, backed by powerful spiritual forces.

II. Because of God's powerful _____, God's people need not fear the _____ of their _____.

(5:1, 13-15). The Jordan River crossing frightened the "squatters" of the Promise Land (Cf. 4:24). God promises to fight for His people!

III. Since God's powerful _____ is promised in _____, fear only *failure of* _____

(5:2-12). God requires faithful participation in two ordinances.

A. Each member must demonstrate _____ to God before the community of _____.

*Circumcision was to the Jews as **baptism** is to Christians, a physical sign of an inward grace.*

B. All members must *collectively* remember _____ commitment to the community of _____.

*Jesus transformed the Passover for the Church. We call it **the Lord's Supper**.*