

**LABORING ON THE ALL-INCLUSIVE CHRIST TYPIFIED BY THE GOOD LAND  
FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE CHURCH AS THE BODY OF CHRIST,  
FOR THE REALITY AND THE MANIFESTATION OF THE KINGDOM,  
AND FOR THE BRIDE TO MAKE HERSELF READY FOR THE LORD'S COMING**

**KEY STATEMENTS**

In order to understand the significance  
of the Israelites entering Canaan and the warfare in Canaan,  
we need to know that Canaan has a twofold significance in typology:  
on the positive side, Canaan, a land of riches,  
typifies the all-inclusive Christ with His unsearchable riches;  
on the negative side, Canaan signifies the aerial part,  
the heavenly part, of the dark kingdom of Satan,  
the heavenlies that are full of Satan's forces.

In order to fully possess Christ as the good land,  
we must beware of having an evil heart of unbelief;  
we must exercise our spirit of faith  
and keep our heart turned to the Lord  
to believe wholeheartedly in His promises,  
to believe that He is with His people,  
and to believe that we are well able to overcome.

The people of Israel put aside a certain portion  
of their produce from the labor on the good land  
for the purpose of worshipping God;  
if we faithfully labor on the all-inclusive Christ,  
we will have the riches of Christ as the produce  
to exhibit in the church and have a surplus of Christ  
to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God  
in spirit and in truthfulness.

The living word of God must pierce into our being and deliver us  
from our wondering mind and wandering soul  
into Christ as the Sabbath rest in our spirit;  
we should not be those who stagger in the wandering of our soul,  
but we need to deny the soul and press on into our spirit  
to partake of and enjoy the heavenly Christ  
so that we might participate  
in the kingdom rest of His reign in the millennium.

**HWMR: THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST AND OUR GROWTH IN LIFE UNTO MATURITY (Week 6)**

*Scripture Reading: Heb. 3:12, 16-19; 4:2, 6; 11:1; 1 Cor. 10:1-14; Psa. 106:24-25; Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4*

**Inheriting the All-inclusive Christ as the Good Land by Taking Heed to His Words of Advice and Warnings  
and by Receiving His Renewed Training to Have Our Inner Man Renewed Day by Day**

Hebrews 3:12	Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God.
Hebrews 3:16	For who provoked Him when they heard? Indeed was it not all who came out of Egypt by Moses?
Hebrews 3:17	And with whom was He displeased for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?
Hebrews 3:18	And to whom did He swear that they should not enter into His rest, except to the disobedient?
Hebrews 3:19	And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.
Hebrews 4:2	For indeed we have had the good news announced to us, even as they also; but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed together with faith in those who heard.
Hebrews 4:6	Since therefore it remains that some should enter into it and those who formerly had the good news announced to them did not enter because of disobedience,
Hebrews 11:1	Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
1 Corinthians 10:1	For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
1 Corinthians 10:2	And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
1 Corinthians 10:3	And all ate the same spiritual food,
1 Corinthians 10:4	And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.
1 Corinthians 10:5	But with most of them God was not well pleased, for they were strewn along in the wilderness.
1 Corinthians 10:6	Now these things occurred as examples to us, that we should not be ones who lust after evil things, even as they also lusted.
1 Corinthians 10:7	Neither become idolaters, as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play.”
1 Corinthians 10:8	Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and there fell in one day twenty-three thousand.
1 Corinthians 10:9	Neither let us test Christ, as some of them tested Him and were destroyed by the serpents.
1 Corinthians 10:10	Neither murmur, just as some of them murmured and perished by the destroyer.
1 Corinthians 10:11	Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our admonition, unto whom the ends of the ages have come.
1 Corinthians 10:12	So then let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
1 Corinthians 10:13	No temptation has taken you except that which is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow that you be tempted beyond what you are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way out, that you may be able to endure it.
1 Corinthians 10:14	Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
Psalms 106:24	Then they despised the pleasant land; / They did not believe in His word;
Psalms 106:25	Rather they murmured in their tents; / They did not listen to the voice of Jehovah.
Deuteronomy 8:3	And He humbled you and let you go hungry and fed you the manna, which you had never known nor your fathers had ever known, so that He might make you know that man lives not by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out from the mouth of Jehovah.
Matthew 4:4	But He answered and said, It is written, “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God.”

## Day 1

*Exodus 3:8* - And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

*Hebrews 3:12* - Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God.

**I. The goal of God's calling of the children of Israel was that they would **enter into the promised land** to enjoy its riches so that they might establish God's kingdom and be God's expression on earth—Exo. 3:8, 14, 17:**

- A. Although all Israel was redeemed through the passover, delivered out of the Egyptian tyranny, and brought to the mountain of God to receive the revelation of God's dwelling place, the tabernacle, **nearly all fell and died** in the wilderness, **failing** to reach this goal (Heb. 3:7-19) because of their **evildoings and unbelief**.
- B. This signifies that although we have been redeemed through Christ, delivered out of Satan's bondage, and brought into the revelation of God's economy, **we may yet fail to reach the goal of God's calling**, that is, to enter into the possession of our good land, Christ, and enjoy His riches for the kingdom of God that we may be His expression in the present age and participate in the uttermost enjoyment of Christ in the kingdom age—Matt. 25:21, 23.
- C. Only Caleb and Joshua reached the goal and entered into the good land; like Caleb and Joshua, we New Testament believers need to "**pursue toward the goal**" (the fullest enjoyment and gaining of Christ) "for the prize" (the uttermost enjoyment of Christ in the millennial kingdom)—Num. 14:27-30; Phil. 3:12-14:

## Day 2

*Numbers 14:9* - Only do not rebel against Jehovah, nor should you fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their protection has been removed from them, and Jehovah is with us; do not fear them.

*2 Corinthians 4:13* - And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

- 1. Ten of the twelve men whom Moses sent to spy out the land brought an evil report that caused the children of Israel to **murmur** and **rebel** against the word of the Lord, but Caleb and Joshua said to the whole assembly, "Only do not rebel against Jehovah, nor should you fear the people of the land [the Anakim], for they are our bread"—Num. 14:9.
- 2. The **word of God** is our **bread** (Matt. 4:4), **doing God's will** is our **food** (John 4:34), and our bread is also the Anakim (Num. 14:9), who represent the seemingly insurmountable obstacles and impossible situations in our pursuit of Christ for the building up of the church.
- 3. Every difficulty and temptation Satan puts in our way is food for us; this is a **God-appointed means of spiritual progress** (1 Tim. 4:15-16); if we are relying on the Lord for victory and allow His overcoming life to be manifested in us, we will find fresh nourishment and increased vitality (Josh. 14:11-15).
- 4. In order to have God's keeping power, we must **exercise our spirit of faith** and **keep our heart turned** to the Lord to believe wholeheartedly in His promises (2 Cor. 4:13; 3:16; 1:20), to believe that He is

with His people, and to believe that they are well able to overcome (Josh. 14:12-15; Num. 13:30); we must commit our souls as a deposit to God, the faithful Creator (1 Pet. 4:19), hand ourselves over to Him, and commit to Him the keeping of our life (2 Tim. 1:12).

5. If we **trust in His promises** and **commit ourselves utterly to Him**, we will be kept from this day to the day of His return; He is able to guard us from stumbling and to set us before His glory without blemish in exultation—Jude 24.
6. If we are going to fully possess Christ as the good land, we must **beware of having an evil heart of unbelief**; not to believe in the Lord is to rebel against Him—Deut. 1:25-26, 28, 35-39; 9:23; Heb. 3:12, 16-19; 4:2, 6; 11:1; cf. 2 Cor. 4:13; Gal. 3:2, 5; Rom. 10:17; Acts 6:5a; Num. 13:25-33; 14:4-10; 32:11-12; Josh. 14:6-12; 1 Cor. 10:1-13.
7. If we are going to fully possess Christ as the good land, we must **beware of murmurings** (discontented and secret mutterings, grumblings, and complaining); murmuring is an indistinct, whispered complaining in low tones, discontentedly and with a gloomy resentment—v. 10; Psa. 106:24-25; Phil. 2:14.

### Day 3

*1 Corinthians 10:14 - Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

*1 John 5:21 - Little children, guard yourselves from idols.*

## II. If we are going to fully possess Christ as the good land, the apostle Paul says that we must **“flee from idolatry”** (1 Cor. 10:14), referring to the children of Israel’s **idolatry in worshipping the golden calf** (Exo. 32:1-6):

- A. The golden calf was a made-by-God’s-redeemed-people idol; to stand up to play is to indulge in revelry (or boisterous merrymaking); an idol in our heart is anything within us that we love more than the Lord and that replaces the Lord in our life (Ezek. 14:3); as genuine children of the genuine God, we need to be on the **alert to guard ourselves from idols** (1 John 5:21), from **all the substitutes and replacements** of Christ in our life.
- B. We must be warned by the **principle of the golden-calf idol**, an idol made by God’s redeemed people to make them an idolatrous camp; idolatry involves five principles—1 Cor. 10:5-7:
  1. **Self-beautification leads to idolatry** (Exo. 32:1-4; 33:5-6; Gen. 35:1-4); God is our beauty, and He is beautifying the church as the house of His beauty so that He may be beautified (Isa. 60:7, 19, 21; Eph. 5:26-27); in the **expression of our self there is division**, but in the corporate expression of God, the divine glory, there is oneness (John 17:22-24); our work is our living to glorify, to express, God on earth (v. 4; 1 Cor. 10:31; Isa. 43:7), and in our speaking we should not seek our own glory by preaching ourselves, but we should preach Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as slaves to serve the believers (John 7:17; 2 Cor. 4:5).
  2. **Idolatry is Satan’s usurping of what God has given us in order to make it a waste**; it is our abusing what God has given us and not using God’s gifts, both material and spiritual, for God’s purpose; the gold given to the children of Israel by God through the Egyptians before their exodus from Egypt was to be used for the building of the tabernacle; however, before the gold could be used for God’s purpose, it was usurped by Satan and used by God’s people to make an idol—Exo. 11:2-3; 12:35-36; 25:2-8; 35:4-9.
  3. Idolatry is the worship of the things we enjoy, the **worship of amusement and entertainment**; yes, we have the enjoyment of the Lord, but this is not a form of worldly amusement and entertainment—32:6, 18-19; cf. Psa. 36:8-9:

- a. Paul warns the Corinthians in this way: “Neither become idolaters, as some of them did; as it is written, ‘ The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play’” (1 Cor. 10:7; Exo. 32:6); C. A. Coates says that they sported; on the weekends many people care only for eating, drinking, and sporting.
- b. *To play* is to frolic, to joke, and to act, perform, or speak with little seriousness; *to play* is to behave playfully and uninhibitedly; it is to engage in hilarity, that is, high-spirited fun.

#### Day 4

*John 4:24* - God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

*Exodus 33:11* - And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

4. With idolatry there is the pretense of worshipping the true God—vv. 4-6; 1 Kings 12:26-30; cf. Matt. 4:8-11; John 4:23-24.
5. With idolatry there is mixture in worship—Exo. 32:4-6, 21-24; cf. 1 Cor. 3:12.
- C. After the children of Israel worshipped the golden calf, Moses realized that the Lord’s presence would no longer be in the midst of the people, so he removed his tent and pitched it some distance from the camp; his tent then became the **tent of God**, for both the **Lord’s presence** and **speaking** were there—Exo. 33:7-11.
- D. After Moses **removed** his tent and **separated** it from the idolatrous camp, the Lord **spoke** to him face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion (vv. 11, 14); God and Moses were companions, associates, partners, involved in the same career and having a common interest in a great enterprise; Moses was intimate with God, and he was a person who knew God’s heart, who was according to God’s heart, and who could touch God’s heart.

What is the camp, and what is the tent? The **camp** is a religious people who belong to the Lord in name but who in actuality **worship something and seek something other than the Lord**; the **tent** is a **separation** from that religious group. Hebrews 13:13 says, “*Let us therefore go forth unto Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.*” We must go out of the camp unto Jesus because **Jesus has left the camp**. Jesus was driven out of the camp and was put to death outside the camp. The camp would not accept Jesus the Lord. There was a religious group who had the Lord in name but **worshipped something other than the Lord**. They did not accept the Lord, and they even gave up the Lord. Therefore, the Lord gave them up. If we are going to have the presence and the fellowship of the Lord, we have to go out of the camp.

In the history of God’s people the camp may be seen in at least three periods. The camp was **first** the children of Israel after they **worshipped the idol** in Exodus 32. They had the name of belonging to the Lord but in reality **they worshipped something else** and hence became a religious camp among whom it was impossible to have the Lord’s presence. **Second**, the **Jews in Judaism, the Jewish religion**, became the camp at the time of the Lord’s living on the earth. They also were a religious group, claiming the name of the Lord but worshipping something other than the Lord. Later, **Christianity also became the camp**, taking the name of the Lord but not worshipping the Lord in spirit and reality (John 4:24). The Lord’s presence would not be in the camp. The Lord’s presence left all the camps, and all those who really seek the Lord have to leave the camp, go out of the camp unto the Lord. Those who do will have the presence and the fellowship of the Lord. This is a very solemn matter.

The tent and the camp are a clear picture of our real situation. Originally, the camp was the place where the Lord’s presence and fellowship were, but at a certain point it **lost its nature and became idolatrous**. Therefore, the **people who know the Lord’s heart must leave the camp and set up a tent**. Immediately after Moses pitched the tent, the pillar of cloud descended to the entrance of the tent, and Jehovah spoke to Moses as a companion, face to face (33:9-11). All those who are seeking the Lord have to go outside the camp and go forth unto Him at the tent. (*Spiritual Applications of the Tabernacle, chapter 2*)

## Day 5

- Romans 12:2* - And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- 2 Timothy 3:16* - All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

**III. A renewed training** was given by God through Moses to the new generation of the children of Israel after their long wandering, to prepare them to enter into the good land promised by God and inherit it as their possession; after the first generation, with the exception of Caleb and Joshua, had died out, the **second generation was ready to enter into the good land and possess it:**

- A. The first generation typifies our **old man**; the second generation typifies our **new man**—Deut. 2:14; 8:6-10; Exo. 3:8; Col. 1:12:
1. We need to be those **who grow in life** into the full possession and enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ, God's promised land; **transformation** is the dying out of the old man and the growing up of the new man; God's economy is to have our old man (the outer man) consumed and our new man (the inner man) renewed day by day—2 Cor. 4:16.
  2. By the Lord's mercy and grace, since we have come into the Lord's recovery, we are being **renewed for our growth in life and transformation** in life to usher us into the enjoyment of Christ as our good land for God's building and kingdom—3:18; Rom. 12:2.
- B. Our transformation in life takes place as we **let the word of Christ dwell in us richly** (Col. 3:16); Deuteronomy 8:3 says that "man lives not by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out from the mouth of Jehovah"; in Matthew 4:4 *everything* is replaced by *every word*:
1. **All the words in the Bible are God's breathing**, and all refer to Christ, who is the totality of God's Word (John 1:1; Rev. 19:13) to be the life and life supply of God's people; to live by every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God is to live by Christ, the embodiment of the divine breath (John 6:57, 63; 20:22).
  2. Because the Scriptures are the breathing out of God, the exhaling of God (2 Tim. 3:16), we should **inhale the Scriptures** by receiving the word of God by **means of all prayer** (Eph. 6:17-18); as we are teaching the Bible, we should be exhaling God into people.
  3. In order to fully possess Christ as the good land, we must maintain our freshness and newness with the Lord by receiving His new speaking to us day by day (Lam. 3:22-24; Deut. 34:7; Rom. 7:6; Jer. 15:16); **we must beware of languishing in the land** (Deut. 4:25); the word *languish* implies "the loss of spiritual freshness, and the blunting of original impressions, produced by force of custom, or long residence in the same spot" (S. R. Driver).
  4. If we love God, humble ourselves, and come to the Lord as the living word in His written word by **pray-reading His Word**, He becomes the applied word of the Spirit to us; His instant words are spirit and life to us for our supply and nourishment, we are infused with God's substance through His words, and we become one with God in life and nature but not in the Godhead for His glory, His expression— John 5:39-40; 6:57, 63; Eph. 5:26-27.

If we consider the history of the children of Israel, we shall not be disappointed with ourselves. Instead, we shall realize that we can be compared to caterpillars in a cocoon **undergoing the process of transformation**. Do not be disappointed, but worship the Lord from within your “cocoon.” We all are “caterpillars” experiencing the divine work of transformation. The more this work progresses, the more we emerge from our cocoon. Some of the young ones may have only a small part free from the cocoon, whereas other saints have a greater percentage of their being outside the cocoon. Praise the Lord that the caterpillars are being transformed and that the cocoons are **gradually disappearing**! This is the real situation in the church life in the Lord’s recovery.

Because we are partly in the cocoon and partly out of it, sometimes we are discouraged and at other times we are encouraged. When we are mindful of the cocoon or of the caterpillar in the cocoon, we become disappointed. But when we see the butterfly emerging from the cocoon, we are encouraged and happy. In the Lord’s recovery we are **gradually coming out** of our cocoons. Many of us can testify that, by contrast, when we were in organized religion, we did not know anything about transformation, nor did we have any concept of caterpillars in cocoons being changed into beautiful butterflies. The Lord’s recovery certainly is necessary to **bring the saints into the real experience of transformation**.

Today we are enjoying Christ, but we have not yet possessed Him as the all-inclusive land. If we would possess Christ in this way, **our old man must die out**, and the **new man must come forth**. Praise the Lord that the old man is dying out day by day! Many of us can testify that since we have come into the Lord’s recovery, a change has taken place within us. This change is the dying out of the old man and the growing up of the new man. This is transformation, the growth in life. (*Life-study of First Corinthians, chapter 48*)

#### Day 6

*Deuteronomy 10:12* - And now, O Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you except that you fear Jehovah your God so that you would walk in all His ways and love Him and serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

*Deuteronomy 10:20* - You shall fear Jehovah your God; Him shall you serve and to Him shall you hold fast and by His name shall you swear.

#### IV. The **renewed training** by God was His charge to His people in nine matters:

- A. **We must fear the Lord**; to fear the Lord is to be in fear of offending Him, of losing His presence, and of not receiving Him as our reward in the next age; we should be in fear of missing the Lord’s smile in this age and His reward in the next—Prov. 1:1, 7; Eph. 4:30; 2 Cor. 5:9-10.
- B. **We must walk in God’s ways**; whatever God is, is a way to us; hence, to take what God is as our ways and walk in these ways is to live God, to live Christ; to take Christ as our way is to live Him, and to live Him is to express Him, to magnify Him— John 14:6; Phil. 1:19-21a.
- C. **We must love the Lord Jesus, who is our God** (John 20:28); because God loves us and has set His affection on us (Deut. 10:15; Jer. 31:3), we should love Him in return by setting our affection on Him (1 Cor. 2:9).
- D. **We must love and serve God with all our heart and all our soul**; our heart is linked to our spirit, for our conscience, which is a function of our spirit (Rom. 9:1), is also a function of our heart (Heb. 10:22); thus, to love and serve God with all our heart and soul indicates that we love and serve Him also with our spirit (Rom. 1:9), which is a spirit of love (2 Tim. 1:7).
- E. **We must keep His commandments and statutes for our good**; this means that today we need to keep Christ as the reality of God’s commandments and the riches of Christ that have been ministered to us so that we may be blessed—Deut. 10:13.



- F. **We must circumcise the foreskin of our heart**, which means that we crucify the flesh (Gal. 5:24), which is all that we are and have in our natural being, by our living and serving in our regenerated spirit (Rom. 1:9; 2:28-29; 7:6; 8:4, 16); this makes us the true “circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh” (Phil. 3:3).
- G. **We must not be stiff-necked any longer**; our stiff neck signifies our stubborn and rebellious will (Deut. 31:27), which must be subdued and resurrected by Christ through Him as the transforming Spirit to become our beauty in our obedience to Him (S. S. 1:10; Phil. 2:13).
- H. **We must hold fast to Christ as God’s whole commandment**; then we will be strengthened and encouraged to go on to possess Christ as our good land (Deut. 11:8, 24); this means that we will gain Christ (Phil. 3:8); furthermore, our days will be extended in Christ (Deut. 11:9, 21), God’s eyes will be upon us to care for us and give us the blessing of His presence (v. 12), and we will enjoy the heavenly rain, the watering of the Spirit to reap a harvest of Christ (vv. 14-15).
- I. “By His name shall you swear. He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you, which your eyes have seen” (10:20b-21); in New Testament terms and experience, this means that **we call upon the name of the Lord** so that we may enjoy His organic salvation and His unsearchable riches (Rom. 10:12-13).

We should not think that Moses’ concern was excessive. He knew that the children of Israel were rebellious in nature, that the element of rebellion was part of their very being. Because they had a rebellious nature, they would eventually rebel even more against God. **No matter how much teaching the people received** through Moses, the judges, and the priests, they still went after other gods and worshipped idols. They went so far as to set up idols in the temple. It seems that the children of Israel became more pagan than the pagans. Despite the fact that they received so much training, they **remained the same and continued to rebel**.

We need to remember that what is portrayed regarding Israel is a **picture of us today**. This picture shows us what we are. Since we are the same in nature as the children of Israel, their exposure is also our exposure. Many of us have been in the church life for years; we have heard messages and have read the Recovery Version. However, **we should not have any trust in ourselves**, because we have a rebellious nature, a rebellious being. We are a constitution of rebellion. Therefore, **we surely need the Lord’s mercy and grace**.

Today we all need to realize that we are the same in nature as the children of Israel and should not have any trust in ourselves. We should not have any kind of assurance that, in ourselves, we are able to stand and remain in the church life. We may enjoy the Lord in the morning, but a few hours later we may rebel against Him. Since we do not have the guarantee that we can remain faithful to the Lord, **let us constantly come back to Him and inhale Him, receiving Him as the word into our being**. (*Life-study of Deuteronomy, chapter 28*)