Part #9 HEIRS OF PROMISES, PRISONERS OF HOPE

Scripture Song: Be strong and of good courage – Deut. 31:6

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Lessons of Faith from Joshua. Today's topic: HEIRS OF PROMISES, PRISONERS OF HOPE.

1) The Land of Promise

a. What description did the prophet Moses give of the land of promise for our first parents? Genesis 1:26-31, 2:8,15
b. How did our first parents lose this land of promise? Genesis 2:16-17, 3:6-7,23-24
c. How did a loss of the land of promise impact Adam, Eve, and all their descendants? Genesis 3:17-19, Romans 5:12, etc.
d. What land of promise did the patriarch Abraham look for? Hebrews 11:8-10
e. Where is our land of promise? 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1-5

2) The earthly Canaan and the heavenly Canaan

a. Deuteronomy 4:1 What important truth is found in this inspired testimony of the prophet Moses? (see also Exodus 6:8, 12:15, etc.)
b. Why was it important for the children of Israel to remember that earthly Canaan was a gift from the LORD God? Deuteronomy 4:23-27
c. What Scriptures remind us that our heavenly Canaan is a gift from the LORD God and not something we could ever acquire by our own efforts? Ephesians 2:8-9, Revelation 7:13-17, etc.
d. How should we live as we wait to inherit the heavenly Canaan? Hebrews 11:13-16, 1 John 3:1-3

3) The challenges of inheriting the land

a. What challenges did the children of Israel face when inheriting the gift of the earthly Canaan? Joshua 13:1-7
b. How did the LORD want the children of Israel to face these challenges? Joshua 13:6b (See also Exodus 23:27-30)
c. What challenges might hinder us from inheriting our heavenly Canaan? 1 John 2:15-17, 1 Peter 5:8-9, etc.
d. Share a time when you were distracted by the allurements of this world. How did the LORD help you to refocus on your eternal inheritance?

4) Fixing our eyes on Jesus

a. What inspired counsel have we been given that will help us to deal with distractions of this evil world as we wait for our eternal inheritance? Hebrews 12:1-3, John 14:1-3, Titus 2:11-13, etc.
b. What are some practical ways you have found to stay focused on Jesus and your eternal inheritance?
c. What does it mean to be a prisoner of hope while we wait for the return of Jesus? Zechariah 9:12