

New Covenant Inheritance: Lesson 4 – Victory

This lesson in the New Covenant Inheritance module looks at the second nation that was squatting on the Promised Land. **Genesis 15:19** identifies them as the Kenizzites. They represent another bondage that Satan put man under, but we have now been freed from it because of Jesus.

Let's look at the Hebrew meaning of this name and see what it identifies as the second aspect of our inheritance.

Kenizzites – 'koph nun zain yud' (H7074) from root word 'koph nun zain' (H7073)

Strong's definition of the root word is: *(kenaz) Probably from an unused root meaning to hunt; hunter; Kenaz, the name of an Edomite and of two Israelites: - Kenaz.*

The opposite of this word might seem a little obscure, but think about what it means to be oppressed by a hunter. It means you are a victim or prey. As such you are always living in fear of the hunter, scared to be seen or to become noticed. In our lives this means that we are a target of the curse. It hunted us, captured us, snared us and put us under its control. We see that in the world today with sickness, accidents, addictions, aging, lusts, and so on being the expectation of humans. However, as a Christian our inheritance is freedom from this state. The opposite of the attitude of a victim would be turning the tables on the hunter and making him the hunted. The result would be that we have victory over him and not him over us. Accordingly, the Kenizzites represent us being made victims of oppression, torment, degradation, and being made of no account. The opposite of this is what we have inherited with Jesus. We now live in the victory that Jesus won over Satan, his entire demonic host and the curse. Our inheritance is to live in victory in every area of our lives.

In opening our understanding to this inheritance, let's start in Psalms 98:1. Write out this verse: _____

The Hebrew word for victory is yasha (yud shin ain). Strong's definition is: A primitive root; properly to be open, wide or free, that is, (by implication) to be safe; causatively to free or succor: - X at all, avenging, defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory.

What is the Hebrew pictogram and meaning for yud? _____

What is the Hebrew pictogram and meaning for shin? _____

What is the Hebrew pictogram and meaning for ain? _____

What insight into the meaning of victory do these letters give us? _____.

Read Galatians 3:13-14 to see how the victory over Satan and the curse was made available to us.

What have we been redeemed from (v13)? _____.

How did he do this (v13)? _____.

What came on you because of Jesus being cursed (v14)? _____

What additional benefit did you receive by faith (v14)? _____.

Now read **1 Corinthians 15:51-58** and answer the following questions.

How does verse 53 identify the results of the curse? _____

What are these two things identified as in verse 54? _____

What will be done with both of these (v54)? _____

The prophetic quote in verse 54 is from **Isaiah 25:8**. This verse is a wonderful prophecy of what Jesus has done for us – wiped away our tears and removed our shame. The Hebrew word victory in this verse is '*netsach*' [H5331], which Strong's defines as; *properly a goal, that is, the bright object at a distance travelled towards; hence (figuratively), splendor, or (subjectively) truthfulness, or (objectively) confidence; but usually (adverbially), continually (that is, to the most distant point of view): - alway (-s), constantly, end, (+ n-) ever (more), perpetual, strength, victory*. The Hebrew letters of netsach are 'nun tzad cheth' whose pictograms mean 'son journey divide'. Our victory over death was won by "Jesus' journey through the divide" (between man and God).

What is now missing from death (v55)? _____

What has the grave lost (v56)? _____

What was the sting of death (v56)? _____

What is the strength of sin (v56)? _____

Did you get the full impact of what these two verses say? We have been given victory over death (over the curse and corruption), it has no more power (sting) over us. What gave it power was sin and the enabler of sin was the law. How sad it is that many churches focus on and preach about the law, continually reminding people that they fall short and need to repent. It may sound great, like "you must love the Lord with all your heart and soul ..." and you must live by the golden rule "do unto others as ..." and even into using the law (do not covet, steal, hate, lust) to try and help people live holy. How misguided this kind of teaching is. According to verse 56, preaching like this simply strengthens the power of sin in peoples' lives. It has the opposite effect to what the preacher wants. But because of the mixture mindset in the church, this devastating teaching continues. No wonder we hear of so much sin, sickness and corruption among the body of Christ and unfortunately, often among the leaders. I suspect that one of Satan's basic courses for his demons is "How to foster sin in the church". The whole content of this Satanic course would be to get the people focused on the law and how they need to keep it. This brings the principle of **1 Corinthians 15:56** into play and causes sin to become stronger and stronger in people's lives. Oh that preachers and teachers would stop their law based teaching.

The way to fix this is to preach the truth of the righteousness that Christians now are. Focus peoples' eyes on Jesus and their new identity in him. Renew their minds to the reality of their holiness and perfection in God's eyes and to forget the past and press on to the mark of the image of Jesus in them (**Philippians 3:13-14**).

Why do we give thanks to God (v57)? _____

The verb gives in verse 57 is in the present tense, active voice? What does present/active mean for you? _____

How does **2 Corinthians 2:14** express this reason? _____

The verb 'causes' also means 'leads', so another way of saying it is "Because God always leads us in triumph". This underscores the truth that God's plan for your life is to live free from the curse (**Galatians 1:4**) and that he has already provided the path of success through every temptation and trial (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

Because of this victory, what are you to do (v58)? _____

What is the “work of the lord” (John 6:29)? _____

What are the results of believing (Hebrews 4:11)? _____

and (John 16:13) _____

The summary of these verses is the truth that our believing and resting is what enables us to live in the victory we have already been given. Now read **1 Corinthians 3:10-17** in the light of the New Covenant truths you have learned and see if your understanding of Paul’s instructions has changed or at least expanded.

What enabled Paul to be a wise master builder (v10)? _____

What does Paul caution us to watch (v10)? _____

What is the foundation is (v11)? _____

What six items are listed as building material (v12)? _____

In Biblical analogy, these items are understood to illustrate the following:

1. **Gold** represents deity and righteousness
2. **Silver** represents salvation – welfare, wholeness, provision.
3. **Precious stones** are the jewels we present to Jesus, which are the works Holy Spirit has done through us.
4. **Wood** represents humanity – our reasoning, experience and philosophy.
5. **Hay** represents the good works done by self effort.
6. **Stubble** is the fertilizer for the next crop, which represents our pride of performance and self esteem.

How will God test each man’s work (v13)? _____

What work is the work that abides (v14)? _____

What do we get for building with these materials (v14)? _____

Does one who builds with wood, hay and stubble lose their salvation (v15)? _____

What do they lose (v15)? _____

What does Paul say we, the church, are (v16)? _____

Note, the verb used in v16 “that you are the temple” is plural. Paul’s use of temple in this instance is referring to the church as a whole. The verb “ dwell in you” in the second half is singular, applying to us individually.

Who dwells inside us (v16)? _____

Given the definition of temple in verse 16, what does “defile the temple” mean in verse 17? _____

If you were raised in church, you probably used to think or were taught that gold, silver and precious stones were the good works you do for others and that wood, hay and stubble were works to satisfy your own pleasure. These good works for others would include things like street evangelism, mission trips, giving to the

needy, going to church, paying tithes, getting involved in church activities, supporting and/or volunteering in humanitarian work, and so on. However, while from man's perspective these qualify as good works, they don't necessarily qualify as such from God's perspective. There is a vast difference between works done out of human desire or drive and works done as led by Holy Spirit. Accordingly, a lot of the good works people do fall into the category of wood, hay and stubble. There are many organizations around today that were started by men anointed of God, but over time the human effort (law) has crept in, the anointing has left and now people work based on their own performance and desires. This is an observation of how much the mixture lifestyle has invaded Christianity. What God wants is for all of us to live in grace, making sure our activities are led by Holy Spirit, because living in victory requires this. Living in mixture short-circuits your victory.

Now read **1 John 5:4-5**. Here is the literal Greek translation of verse 4 with the verb tenses: "Because all that has been [*perfect*] begotten of God overcomes [*Present*] the world; and this is the victory that overcame [*Aorist*] the world, our faith". Hopefully you remember that the major part of our faith is Jesus' faith. Jesus overcame the world at the cross and that victory is what we rest in by believing on Jesus. Since we are born of God, our everyday victory over the world is because we have faith in Jesus faith and his completed work. This is exactly what John states in verse 5.

Write out 1 John 4:4. _____

In this verse the Greek word 'have overcome' is in the perfect tense. This underscores that Jesus won the victory and the ongoing result is we live continually as over-comers. The victory is already ours. The reason this is the case is because you are no longer just you; you are now part of the godhead, filled with all the fullness of God in the person of Holy Spirit, and operating as he leads you to.

The second aspect of our inheritance is the complete victory we live in. Victory over every circumstance, trial, tribulation, enemy attack, lies and struggles. However, walking in this victory requires a mindset change. If you were raised in church you were probably taught that each day our job was to try and win, to carry your cross, to deny self by your own choice, to try with all you might to gain the victory over temptation and sin. This was to be done by praying, reading the word, trying to keep our minds on good things, rejecting the temptations of the world and so on. It was taught as a self-effort activity that if we started it, God would help us. Oh how wrong that mindset was. The reality is that we already live in the victory and that is where we operate from. Simply stated, our mindset needs to be that: we operate from victory not for victory. We already have it, so in every situation we need to see that we have already won and that will guide what we say.

A couple of final thoughts.

The first key to the natural world manifestation of the victory we already have is praise and thanksgiving. When we operate from victory, we simply declare it and then get into thanksgiving and rejoicing, because we already have it. The story of Jehoshaphat in **2 Chronicles 20:20-30** illustrates this. Their praise and worship destroyed their enemy without them even having to fight. Read the story and you will see that the final result was they became very wealthy and lived in freedom with rest about them.

The second key is to avoid mixture by being led daily by Holy Spirit. In **Galatians 5:1**, Paul instructs us to "Stand fast in liberty (*freedom, victory*) that Jesus has given us" (sounds like inheritance to me) "and don't get entangled again with the yolk of bondage". The context (**Galatians 4:21-5:9**) tells us that the yolk of bondage we need to avoid is the mixture of law and grace. Victory is ours; it's time to live in it everyday.