

# Taking the Limits Off God 6

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Taking the limits off of God is NOT AUTOMATIC.

You will not go unchallenged on this journey.

- There are enemies to contend with!
- You must possess your "Promised Land."

## 4 Points

1. Identify your Promised Land
2. Identify your enemy
3. Overcome your enemy
4. Occupy your Promised Land

## Exodus 23:22-26

- Told about the Promised Land
- Told about the enemies within their land – Hittites

## Exodus 24:3

- All the words the Lord has said WE WILL DO!
- Our words only carry weight when they are followed by action.

## SPIED OUT THE LAND

**Numbers 13:27-33** – <sup>27</sup> Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> **Nevertheless** the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." <sup>30</sup> Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "**Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.**" <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "**We are not able** to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." <sup>32</sup> And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. <sup>33</sup> There we saw the

giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers **in our own sight**, and so we were **in their sight.**" **NKJV**

- Forewarned is to be forearmed.
- Not able vs. able

### **CALEB GETS HIS LAND AT 85 YEARS OLD**

**Joshua 14:10-12** - <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup> As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, **give me this mountain** of which the LORD spoke in that day. **NKJV**

God has a "Promised Land" for you to invade, drive out the enemies, and enjoy.

One thing about the "Promised Land," it has an enemy at the gate that "appears" formidable.

There are steps to take in order to "take" your "Promised Land."

Putting God FIRST is the key to living under an OPEN HEAVEN!

**Mark 10:17-31** – <sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> At this **the man's face fell**. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "**How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!**" <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "**We have left everything to follow you!**" <sup>29</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> **But many who are first will be last, and the last first.**" **NIV**

What separated Peter from the rich young ruler was his decision to put GOD FIRST!

What separated the rich young ruler from Peter was his decision to put MONEY FIRST!

**Rich young ruler left with possessions, but lost his purpose**

- Peter gave all and was used to usher in the Church.
- Peter literally walked with God in the flesh.
- The rich young ruler rejected that chance in order to keep his “money” FIRST.
- He could have been the apostle that would have replaced Judas.
- He said NO, because of money and forfeited everything.
- We would like to think that we would have said yes, but how we handle our money TODAY is a window into what we would have done then.

**Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**