

# Christ as the Reality of the Good Land

*Deut 11:12 "It is a land which Jehovah your God cares for; always the eyes of Jehovah your God are upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year."*

**According to Moses in Deuteronomy, the purpose of the children of Israel keeping the law was for them to possess the good land and to extend their days in the land promised to their fathers. - Deut 6:1-3, 11:8-9, 30:16**

A. Deut 5:28-33 And Jehovah heard the sound of your words while you spoke to me; and Jehovah said to me, I have heard the sound of the words of this people which they have spoken to you; they have done well in all that they have spoken. Oh that this heart of theirs would be in them always **to fear Me and keep all My commandments so that it may go well with them and with their children forever!** Go, say to them, Return to your tents. But you(Moses), stand here by Me that I may speak to you the whole commandment, and the statutes and the ordinances, **which you will teach them to do in the land which I am giving them to possess.** Keep them therefore so that you may do them, even as Jehovah your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left. **You shall walk in all the way that Jehovah your God has commanded you, so that you may live and that it may go well with you and that you may extend your days in the land which you will possess.**

B. **Deut 8:1** The whole commandment which I am commanding you today, **you shall keep and do, so that you may live and multiply, and enter and possess the land** which Jehovah swore to your fathers.

**Christ as the reality of the good land.- 1 Cor 10:11**

A. In 1 Corinthians, Paul uses the history of the children of Israel in the Old Testament as a type of the New Testament believers.

- 1 Cor 10:6 Now these things (**history of the children of Israel**) occurred as examples (**Greek: “type”**) to us, that we should not be ones who lust after evil things, even as they also lusted.

B. Everything positive God gave the children of Israel to eat in the Old Testament is a type of Christ.

- Christ is the reality of the Passover:
  - John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!
  - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our **Passover, Christ**, also has been sacrificed.
- Christ is the reality of the Manna and the water in the Wilderness:
  - 1 Cor 10:3-4 And all ate the same **spiritual food**, And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they **drank of a spiritual rock** which followed them, and **the rock was Christ**.
  - John 6:32, 35 Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread out of heaven, but **My Father gives you the true bread out of heaven**. Jesus said to them, **I am the bread of life**; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.
- Christ is the reality of the good land:
  - Josh 5:11-12 And on the day after the Passover, on that very day, **they ate of the produce of the land**, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And **the manna ceased on that day, when they ate of the produce of the land**; and there was no longer manna for the children of Israel, but they ate of the yield of the land of Canaan that year.
  - Just as the children of Israel were each allotted a portion of the good land as their inheritance, the New Testament believers have an allotted portion of Christ as their inheritance. Joshua 14-19, Colossians 1-2
    - Josh 14:1-2, 5 And these are what the children of Israel received as **inheritances in the land of Canaan**, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel gave to them as inheritances, By **the lot** of their inheritance, as Jehovah commanded through Moses for the nine tribes and the half-tribe. As Jehovah had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; **thus they divided the land**.
    - Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the **allotted portion** of the saints in the light;

- Col 2:6-8 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, **walk in Him**, Having been **rooted and being built up in Him**, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Beware that no one **carries you off as spoil...**
- Col 2:18 Let no one defraud you by judging you unworthy of **your prize...**

*Q: What is Paul warning us about in Colossians? What are we being carried away from and what is our prize? How is this related to the good land?*

## **Christ as the reality of the produce of the good land:**

A. Deut 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a **good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains**, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

- Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils:/They have forsaken Me,/ **The fountain of living waters**,
- John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall by no means thirst forever; but the water that I will give him will **become in him a fountain of water** springing up into eternal life.

*Q: What are the issues of experiencing Christ as the waterbrooks? (John 4:28-34)*

B. Deut 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of **olive trees** with oil and of honey;

- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the **grain of wheat** falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 15:1 **I am the true vine**, and My Father is the husbandman.
- Hosea 14:6 His shoots will go forth;/And **his splendor will be like that of the olive tree**,/And his fragrance, like that of the trees of Lebanon.
- Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of **the root of fatness of the olive tree**,
- Rom 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated **olive tree**,

*Q: What are the issues of experiencing Christ as these items (Judges 9:8-13, John 6:5-13)*

C. Deut 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose **stones** are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

- Acts 4:10-11 Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of **Jesus Christ** the Nazarene, whom you crucified and whom God has raised from the dead, in this name this man stands before you in good health. **This is the stone** which was considered as nothing by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.
- 1 Pet 2:4-5 Coming to **Him, a living stone**, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious, You yourselves also, **as living stones**, are being **built up as a spiritual house** into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 1 Cor 3:10-11 According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it. For another **foundation** no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.

*Q: What is the issue of our enjoyment of Christ as the good land?*

*Q: Why is the good land so important to God?*