

# Can't Turn Back Now

*Deuteronomy 11:10-12 For the land, where you go in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs: 11 But the land, where you go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drink water of the rain of heaven: 12 A land which the LORD your God cares for: the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.*

There is a place that is called **the point of no return**. It is the half-way mark; you have gone so far that there is no point in going back. No matter what happens, you might as well press on and you either reach the goal or your journey is a failure.

*Canaan* is a symbolic description of the *Spirit-filled life*, the land of promise in which God expects His people to live. It was a land of grace. It was a land on which, so long as God's people were faithful, God's eyes would be on it and take care of it.

*Egypt* is a symbolic description of a *carnal life*. It depicts a life where man is in control of self and surroundings. It was a picture of constant work, where no peace was found.

*They were at a point of no return. An old way of life was in Egypt behind them, and a new way of life was in Canaan, ahead, but they had to decide to go forward and possess it.*

**For the Christian today, the land to possess is a daily thing. It includes the blessings that God has prepared for us if we will step forward in responsibility to receive it.**

## The Life God Has For Us Needs to Be Possessed

*There are many blessings that God has for us, but they need to be laid hold of. We are just like Israel, we can walk through the land of promise from end to end, but never once **live in it**. It is possible to drift through life an entire year and never live in it. To really live life there must be an intelligent application of the knowledge God has given us.*

*Daily, we have **great possibilities before us** and it is quite possible to pass through each day, week, a whole year, or life, without realizing any of them. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9b*

## To Live The Life God Will Provide:

### **We Must Have a Desire to Possess It**

*If you are content with what you are today, then you will never be any better than you are now; you might even become worse. Matthew 5:6*

### **We Must Take Action To Possess It**

*Receiving what God has to give never comes by uncrucified self-effort, religious activity, or pious deeds. Possession comes by learning to act on the basis of a fact already true. We already have all we need in Jesus, we just need to receive it by faith.*

### **We Must Take Action To Possess it Today**

*We can't wait to begin tomorrow. We often think it is easier to obey God in some other situation, but not in the one in which we are right now. Or we might feel that it is too late, that the hour has passed us by. God is a God of the present. God has a desire that we act now. His desire for us is not to live in the past or future, but in the present.*

### **God's Life For Us Is Filled With Varied Experiences**

Deuteronomy 11:11a But the land, where you go to possess it, is a *land of hills and valleys*.

*Life has its ups and downs. Canaan is the hill county. The hills are those high places of courage and understanding and fellowship, places of far vision, with an inspirational atmosphere. Life also has its valleys, the low places, sometimes very dark and difficult. Life in the valley is often the life that is artificially arranged. It is that life that we try to control.*

### **God Cares About Your Life**

Deuteronomy 11:12 A land which the LORD your God cares for: the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.

*Do you ever feel that your life is of very little significance? Do you ever get the "if onlies"? If only I could be here, if only I could do that, God might care for me.*

**Your life counts**, whether or not you think it does. *You may not see anything that is taking place, but God sees and God knows. In the Bible we see how many insignificant characters appear in the most strategic places. Read Hebrews 11 and see how men and women have done single, isolated deeds of kindness and by them affected and changed the whole course of human history.*

God loves us and wants to take care of our lives. Each one of us is special to Him.

**God has a great life ahead for you. Go Possess It!**