

Bethel, Jericho and The Jordan ***(Three Steps With God)***



All Scripture is God-breathed and has potential power and because as believers have the light of the Spirit in us; we have access to new revelation through all Scripture.

Here are three places from 2 Kings 2:1-18 that we all must recognize as we seek to walk with God:

- Come to Bethel; The House of God. **Genesis 28:18-22** *Then Jacob rose early... And he called the name of that place Bethel... and this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house... To walk with God, you have to come to God.*

Come to God's house and become God's house.

- Take Jericho; Victory in God. **Joshua 6:1-5** *And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand..." To walk with God, you must walk by faith.*

With God as your source, you can't lose.

- Cross the Jordan; Enter the Territory of God. **Joshua 1:2** *"Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them."* To walk with God, enter when and where He says to enter.

God has a new place for you.

The Word of God is not a random mix of people of places. There is a beautiful harmony in Scripture; Come to God's house and walk in Victory through new Territory prepared for you by Him. Ask the Lord for a New Revelation today.

May you be greatly blessed this day, Pastor Gene

Rest.

Introduction: When God sent Elijah to Bethel, Jericho then to the Jordan, He was revealing a Spiritual truth that we as Christians must understand to be relevant to our individual and corporate lives. He was pointing out something that is not uncommon in the lives of some believers. Like the children of Israel most of us were brought out of some form of bondage, oppression or other circumstance and into the freedom that is the life in Christ. But too many have continued in their wilderness wanderings and have not entered into the fullness of what God has prepared for each of them. A warning from the letter to the Hebrew believers;

- God's Rest is not available to the unbeliever: **Hebrews 3:19** *So we see that they could not enter in (His rest) because of unbelief.* Your Christian walk began with your belief and confession of faith. That was your first step with the Lord. Don't allow your first step to be your only step with Jesus. God didn't bring you out of Egypt to die in wilderness wanderings. He brought you into a place of freedom.

Jesus is freedom and freedom is rest.

- God's Rest is available to the believer: **Hebrews 4:3** *For we who believed do enter that rest...* When you came to Jesus by faith you came to a place of rest from what ever was causing you to labor in vain. For you to continue to labor with the things that you can't change is to not allow Him to move into those areas of your life. Don't let the things of this life to keep you from deciding to rest in God's assurance.

You believed and found deliverance, Believe and find rest.

- God's Rest is only available to the believer who chooses to enter into it: **Hebrews 4:11** *Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.* Entering into spiritual rest is a choice that we each must make. Day by day, situation by situation, decision by decision God's rest is available to those who choose to enter into it.

Choose rest over struggle.

Life is a struggle. It's much more of a struggle for those who don't have the Lord in their lives. You believer have God in your corner. There is no better place to be than in His will. Choose this day to let those things that seem to continually distract from disrupt and that seek to destroy your faith go Because there is no rest when you are fighting a battle that belongs to the Lord. Rest in God Christian. He is your restful harbor.