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## Sowing the Word

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“...there remains  
very much land yet  
to be possessed.”

Joshua



## Joshua 12-13 August 11th-17th, 2011

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So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of  
God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to  
understand the reading.

(Nehemiah 8:8)

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*Explore the Book* by J. Sidlow Baxter

## **Online Help:**

[http://preceptaustin.org/joshua\\_commentaries.htm](http://preceptaustin.org/joshua_commentaries.htm)

## **Commentary:**

The commentary used with permission throughout  
this booklet is:

**With the Word Bible Commentary**

**by Warren W. Wiersbe.**

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# Outline

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# Daily Bible Study

Sunday, August 14th, 2011

*Passage for today: Joshua 13*  
*Thru the Bible Reading: 1 Kings 7-8*

1. What is the problem God presents to Joshua in 13:1-7? What solution does God give to Joshua? How does that apply in our lives?
2. What does 13:13 tell us about the progress the children of Israel were making? Compare this with 1:5. What then is the problem here? How do we apply this?

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# With the Word Bible Commentary

## Joshua 11-12

The enemy in the north of Canaan united to resist Israel's advance, and their forces were formidable. But God assured Joshua that he would win the battle, and he did. God assures us before the battle (11:6), fights for us during the battle (11:8), and commands us after the battle (11:9, 15). How we follow orders after the victory is as important as what we do before the battle begins.

Joshua conquered the whole land and did it to provide each Israelite with his inheritance from the Lord (11:23). God helped him defeat thirty-one kings and claim their land and their wealth for the Lord and His people. Our Joshua, the Son of God, has defeated every spiritual enemy and now reigns in heaven (Eph. 1:15–23; Col. 2:9–15). Through Him, we can “reign in life” (Rom. 5:17) and claim the victory.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Jos 12:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

## Joshua 13

Unlike some elderly people, Joshua lived in the future and not in the past. He had a job to do, and he wanted to complete it before he died. He was not satisfied to defeat thirty-one kings. He urged the tribes to possess the land they had conquered and claim it for the Lord.

No matter how much God has enabled you to accomplish in life, there is always much more land to possess. In the Christian life, we never stand still; we go either forward or backward. The challenge to the believer is Hebrews 6:1: “Let us go on!”

In all his ministry, Joshua was careful to follow the regulations laid down by Moses. Obedience to the Word guaranteed his success (Josh. 1:8).

Did the Levites feel left out? How could they, when God was their inheritance (v. 33)!

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***“There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.”***

Joshua 13:1

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Taken From: *Our Daily Homily*

This is true in many directions:—

**Of the Bible.** — How many pages of our Bibles are unpossessed! We have not underlined any verses in them, or put any marks in the margin to indicate that God has spoken through them to our souls. They are as clean as when they came from the printers. It is well sometimes to consider this, and to resolve to master some unfamiliar portions of God’s Word, believing that no word of God is devoid of power. To many believers the Bible, which God intended for their possession, is yet an unexplored continent.

**Of Doctrinal Truth.** — Doctrine groups texts, and compares them. Doctrine is to isolated texts what natural laws are to particular facts. We should know the doctrines of the Bible. We should understand what is meant by Predestination; the unction of the Holy Ghost; and the Second Advent. How much unoccupied land there is here, which, if brought under cultivation, would yield grapes, and corn, and other produce for the refreshment and strength of the soul.

**Of Spiritual Experience.** — Talk with some deeply-taught saint, and you will see how little you have traversed of the good land beyond the Jordan, or know of its blessed extent. To know the length, and breadth, and depth, and height, of the love of Christ seems given to but few; but it need not be. There is no favoritism in the Kingdom which excludes some poor souls from the richer portions, and shuts them up to barrenness and a northern aspect. Rise, go through the land in the length and breadth of it; it is all yours; the gift of God in Jesus Christ; claim and possess it.

