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Possessing the Promise Part 2: From Conquest to Compromise

Judges 1:19-36

Series: *Compromise, Chaos & Covenant*
 The Book of Judges

Judges 1:27–28 (ESV) — 27 Manasseh **did not drive out** the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages, for the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. 28 When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, **but did not drive them out completely.**

Central Thought: As we consider and respond to God's promises and purposes, we must _____ fight the temptation to give up too _____ and to settle for too _____.

They "Did not drive them out completely..."

❖ _____ now, leads to _____ later. (vs. 27-33)

Exodus 23:32–33 (ESV) —32 You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. 33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, **it will surely be a snare to you.**"

1 Timothy 5:24–25 (ESV) — 24 The sins of some people are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. 25 So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

❖ There is no _____ ground! (vs. 34)

Luke 22:31–32 (ESV) — 31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

1 Peter 5:8–11 (ESV) — 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

❖ God's _____ and power are immeasurably greater than any _____ technology or _____ attack. (vs. 19-20)

1 Corinthians 1:25 (ESV) — 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Romans 8:31–39 (ESV) — 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.