And he shall be like a tree
planted by the rivers of water
Psalm 1:3
The Truly Blessed Man!
A Hope, Focus and Reward

The Truly Blessed Man:

Introduction:

- **The National Holiday called "Thanksgiving" is a good reminder of the wonderful blessings, promises and rewards of being a child of God.**
- **As we consider camping toward Canaan's Happy Land – we must be thankful that we have so much to look forward to.**

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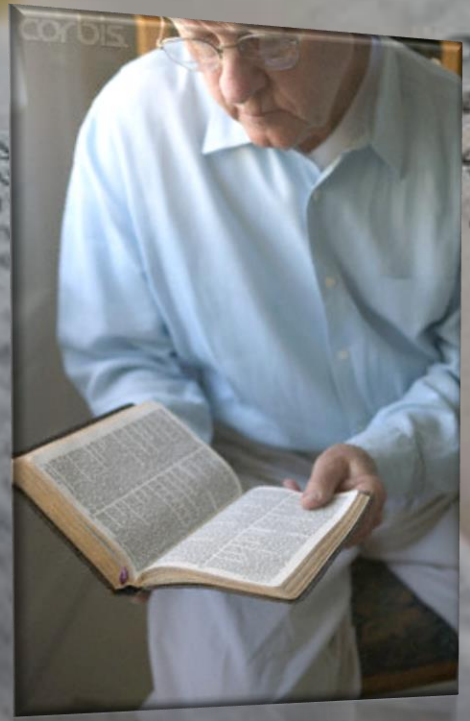

- The promised land! Just across Jordan it lay! It was indeed a land that flowed with milk and honey.
  - It was a land of rest in which many good things were given. Psalm 105:43-44; Deut. 6:10-12
- The promised land of the Old Testament was a figure of the true.

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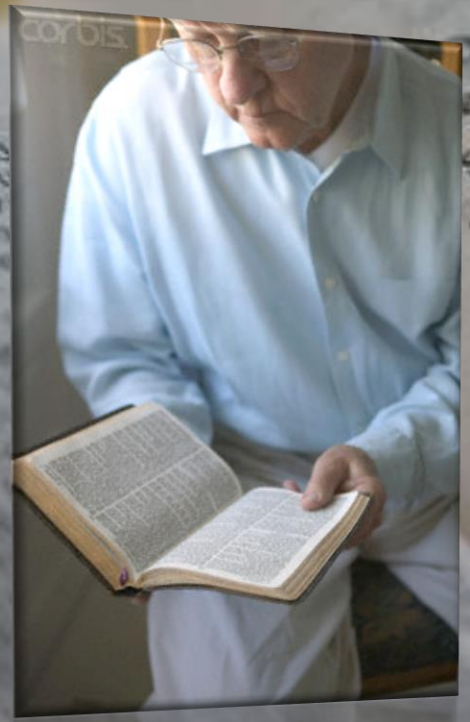

- There remains a rest to the people of God today. **Heb. 4:9**
- In this lesson we want to examine the promised land of the Old and New Testaments that we might learn to fully appreciate theirs and ours.
- I want us to focus on how blessed we are to be here today!

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The Promised Land Of The O. T.

- God's people of old were a long time in receiving their promised land.
- The years passed and at the close of the life of Jacob their descendants had not yet inherited the land.
- There arose another Pharaoh over Egypt who did not know Joseph, and the Israelites were made slaves.

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- After leaving Mount Sinai, they came to the Southern end of Canaan and Moses sent twelve men to spy out the promised land.
- After the deaths of all that generation, from twenty years old and upward, and after the death of Moses, it was time for them to go in and receive the land.
- God fulfilled every good thing that he said he would do to their fathers. **Joshua 21:43-45**

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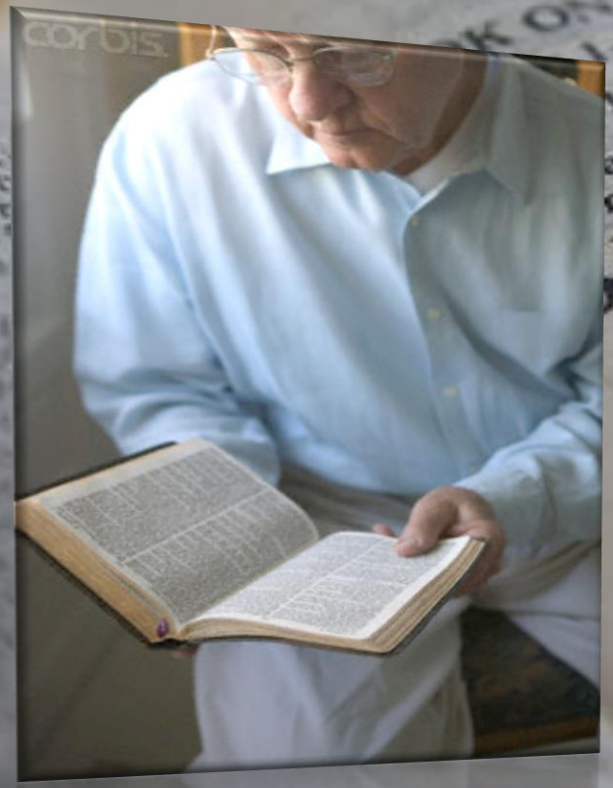
Several Things They Willfully Forgot:



- "God Never Breaks His Promises.
- The Power Was Not In Themselves.
- They, Too, Were Part Of God's Plan.
- God Punishes For Lack Of Faith.

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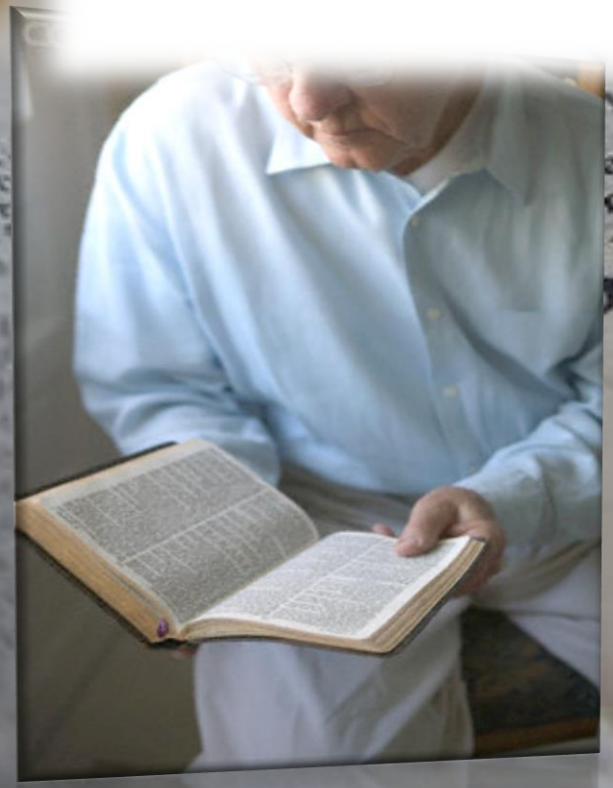
They Failed To Conquer Their Base Impulses:



- False gods (Golden Calf)
  - Today: Sex, Silver, Science, Sports
- Tempted God (Murmuring & Complaining)
  - Today: Many can't be happy with anything
- Grasshopper Philosophy (Unbelief)
  - Today: We can conquer; We can enter our rest

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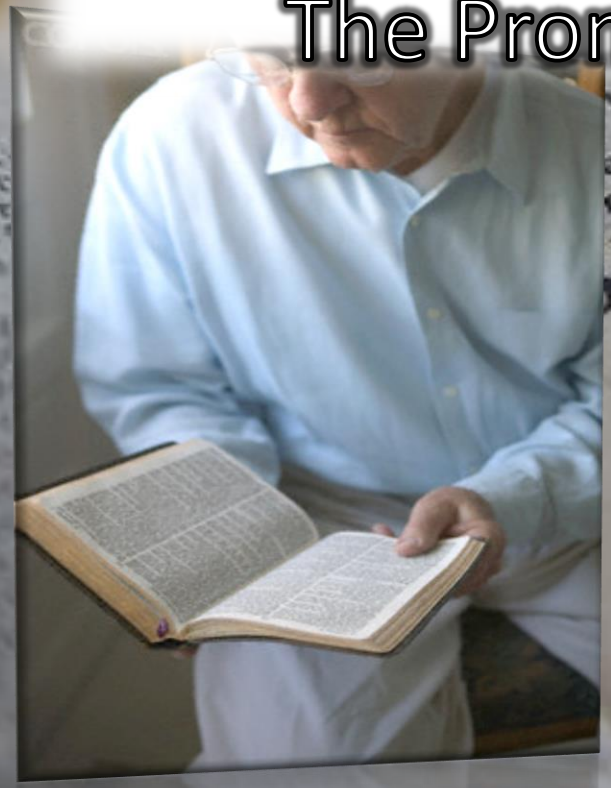
Who Were The Ones Who Did Not Reach The Promised Land? Heb 3:16-19



- The Rebellious
- The Sinful
- The Disobedient
- The Disbelievers

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The Promised Land Of The N. T.

- There is a land of rest promised to us. **Heb. 4:7-11; Rev. 14:13**
- As were the Patriarchs, we also are sojourners here on earth . **Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 2:11**
- Some conquering must be done before we can inherit our promised land.

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The Promised Land Of The N. T.

- We have the same danger of failing to enter in as they did. **Heb. 3:16-19; 4:11**
- We need to be courageous as was Joshua and his soldiers. **Deut. 31:7-8**
- By overcoming the base impulses, by conquering the world with the gospel, and by being courageous in all the trials and difficulties of life, that promised land will be ours to inherit some day.

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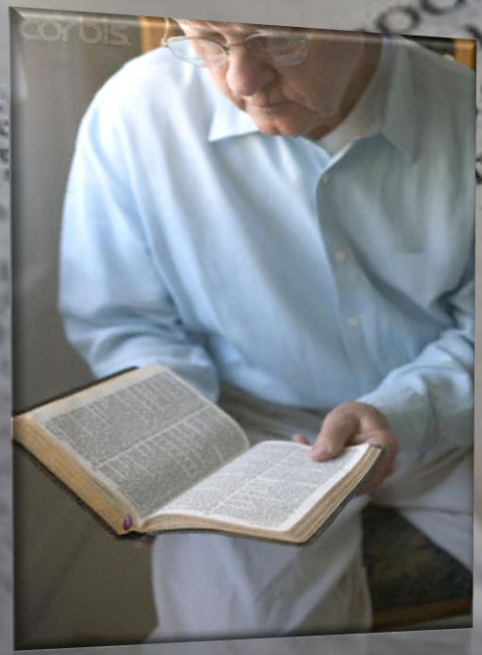

- ✓ **Their promised land was a literal land, rich and fertile, and in many cases where houses, wells, gardens, and orchards were already built and planted.**
- ✓ **Our promised land is spiritual wherein great eternal bliss and happiness will be ours.**

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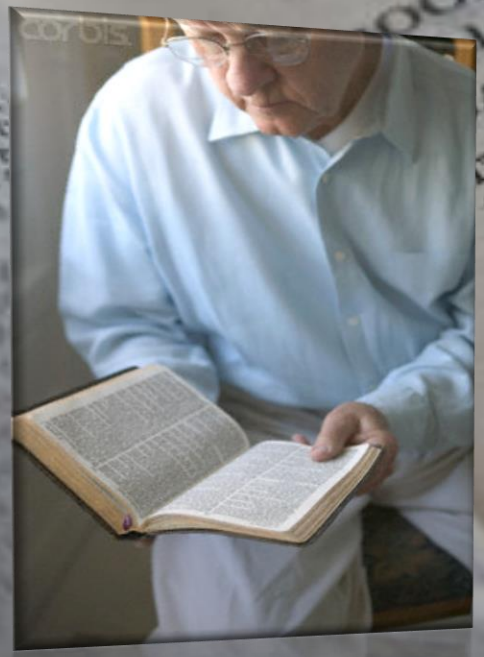

- ✓ Are you camping toward that happy land? Are you walking in that way that leads to the promised land?
- ✓ If you are not a Christian, why not become one?