



## Overflowing Harvest

Favor has been flowing like no other time in history. There was a positioning and a foundation overlaid in every area of your life. People have been noticing you, and have realized how blessed you are. You are a shining light! It is all because of what occurred at the cross and the resurrection. It is all because of Jesus and His wonderful grace in and towards you.

As God told Elijah, “There I will bless you...” I believe God has brought you to your *There* - your place of blessing. *There* typifies the lavish blessings of the finished work of Christ, which you can only arrive by believing, not by doing.

### **1 Kings 17:4-5**

<sup>4</sup> And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you **there**.”

<sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

After God gave instruction to Elijah about *There*, Elijah went to the Brook Cherith. The Hebrew word *Cherith* literally means, “A cut”, but the primary word from which *Cherith* is derived is more specific and more telling. The primary, root word means, “To cut a covenant”.

In other words, it speaks of the New Covenant of Grace cut between God the Father and God the Son. By it, they have created an everlasting covenant for you and I because it is solely contingent on God the Father and God the Son to keep the covenant's terms and not us. Our part is to simply believe in the Son of God, Jesus.

Notice that Brook Cherith “flows into the Jordan.” The Jordan River is the place where the nation of Israel, led by Joshua, crossed into the Promised Land after 40 years in the wilderness.

There is only one way into the Promised Land. That is to leave Egypt, cross the Red Sea, and cross the Jordan River.

- Leaving Egypt typifies believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is to be born again.
- Crossing the Red Sea typifies knowing you are co-crucified with Christ. It is to identify yourself as being dead to all sin.
- Crossing the Jordan River typifies knowing you are co-resurrected with Christ. It is to identify yourself as being forever righteous by faith and not by works.

Do you remember how the Red Sea was opened? God told Moses to use his rod to part the sea. Moses' rod always speaks of God's judgment. In other words, Christ took all our sin nature and past, present, and future sins at the cross, so all of God's judgment was extinguished in His body for all sin. Through the one man (Adam), judgment came to all, but Christ took all our judgment at the cross, so Grace might come upon all. Now through the other man's obedience (Jesus) all will be made righteous by simply believing. (It is only through the One man's obedience that we are made righteous not yours)

Do you know how the Jordan River was opened? Contrary to the Red Sea, the Jordan waters were divided by the Ark of the Covenant, which speaks of God's resurrection – Jesus.

In other words, you are forgiven by the death of Christ and made righteous by the resurrection of Christ.

### **Joshua 3:11**

Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan

We've seen how the place called *There* is where you become born of the Spirit, believed that the sins of your entire life have been forgiven and forgotten, receive and awake to the gift of righteousness. This is what having a revelation of the new covenant of grace looks like. All this so you may enjoy the presence of God in your life. This is what the Ark of the Covenant is all about.

### **Joshua 3:15**

and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan **overflows** all its banks during the whole time of **harvest**),

The presence of God is a fact and He is with you every time, every day, everywhere. There is nothing you can do to get closer to God because He is as close to you as He will ever be – Christ inside of you. Will you now act upon this truth and enjoy His presence on a daily basis? Like any relationship, it takes two to tangle.

The deepest expression of human relationship occurs when a man is inside of a woman, sexually. By this same token, Jesus now abides inside every believer, spiritually. It is such a fusion that in God's eyes there is no difference between the two. God chose to pitch His tent inside of you, so that relationship with God can be portable and handy at any moment without interruptions.

When His presence is acknowledged and enjoyed, you cannot help but experience an overflow in your life in every sense of the word. You will flow in the Promised Land sort of speak. Don't think for a moment that the Promised Land today is a physical place. Today, the Promised Land is now within you because Christ is within you, and out of you will start an **Overflowing Harvest**. Amen.

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