

Cross Over

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God repeatedly spoke to Moses, saying, “You will have to cross over and I will cross over before you.” Crossing over is not just going through a river and to another place, instead it is a marked shift when a person moves into something inherently different. Instead of a minor adjustment, it indicates something brand new. The word cross over comes from the Hebrew word ‘*avare*’ from which we get the word ‘*ivri*’. The word ‘*ivri*’ is translated as Hebrew. Therefore, a Hebrew is someone who crossed over the river Euphrates (someone who crossed over). For this reason, the first person to be called a Hebrew was Abraham who left his country, kindred and father’s house to go to a place he had never seen before. Crossing over is not making a new resolution, it means completely leaving something behind to move into something brand new.

The Israelites had three crossovers. The first one was the Passover, meaning that the blood of the Lamb allowed them to crossover from death to life. Through the blood of Jesus, we too have crossed over from death to life. The second crossover was deliverance from bondage to freedom. The moment they crossed the Nile, the Egyptians they saw today, they no longer could see. This crossover however is not of deliverance but of destiny instead. In Egypt, the deliverance crossover the Jewish people experienced was not of choice but imperative lest they face death at the hands of the Egyptians. This crossover being offered today is not mandatory but concerns your destiny. Today, you can choose to remain on this side of Jordan or cross over into your inheritance.

For forty years they waited to enter into their inheritance yet two and a half tribes decided not to cross over (Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh). Numbers 32:1
After forty years of God’s intervention, the pillar of cloud and fire, manna, protection and extraordinary deliverances, these tribes rested on their modicum of success and decided they could still survive and be blessed without entering into their inheritance.
Can we declare, “I myself will not settle for anything short of my inheritance.” We’ve enjoyed national and financial blessings along the way but we have an inheritance and that is to see a mighty move of God in this land.

Why did the two and a half tribes settle at such a crucial time?

They decided to live on the fringes of God’s will. Though they could see the Promised Land, they did not enter. In later accounts of Israel’s history, Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh were never mentioned again. They became a ‘no factor’ in the history of Israel.

There are two choices: we can either settle with the blessings of God that we have or decide to crossover. When we crossover, it is not just about us. We are going to have a role in the future move of the Holy Spirit. God is calling the church to cross over!

These tribes were afraid of losing their children and had in themselves, lost their own identity. They no longer knew where they belonged. Read Joshua 22:1-3; 22:10,11. Some parents’ lukewarm and compromising approach to their destiny in Christ has caused them to lose children. One might identify themselves as Christians because they attended service two or three times in their lives. They do not know who they are. If you are willing to stand for your destiny, God is willing to make your children a part of this move of God. The moment, we settle for less, we lose our children.

And we thought, ‘If this should be said to us or to our descendants in time to come, we should say, “Behold, the copy of the altar of the Lord.” **Joshua 22:28**

Many churches are building replicas and have lost the fire. They have buildings, programs, choirs and schedules as models to form their identity. We do not want a model of Christianity but the power of Christianity instead. The Bible says in the last days, there will be a form of godliness but

will not have power. It looks like church but it is just a model. Instead, we want to see fire and the glory and power of God. We want to see healings take place.

On this side of Jordan, there is a model but no fire or sacrifice. On the other side, Solomon only opened his eyes and the priest could not minister. By faith, we are not going to maintain a model just short of our inheritance. We are going to enter our inheritance where there will be a true manifestation of the Holy Spirit. We are not staying on this side of the inheritance but are crossing over to the other side.

- The Lord will cross over and destroy the enemies of those who are willing to cross over. Even children are coming back.
- There will be sudden interventions. Obstacles that were standing before you for generations will be neutralized by the power of the Holy Spirit because the Lord is going before you as a consuming fire. Deuteronomy 9:3
- God will immobilize your enemies. Exodus 15:15