

"HORNETS AND DISCIPLESHIP"

Our script: Entering in to the promised Land/destiny/purpose -- God says Hornets will help them enter their destiny.

I. PROGRESS IN DISCIPLESHIP

A. Our story is speaking of entering the Promised Land/Destiny: But disciples can make mistakes about destiny

B. The 1st mistake disciples can make: The error of completion

1. Because I'm called/God has plans for me: It is now complete *We got a word/prophecy: b. We have a position/title:*
2. But God is showing us destiny is possibility/potential: *What you can have/what you can do!*
 - a. But we are not ready for destiny yet! (*Full destiny*)
3. There are things that have to change in order for us to enter our Promised land
 - a. Hivite/Canaanite/Hittite: Those need to be removed before you can enter the promised land
 1. Things that have to be removed in us: *Selfishness/pride/impulsiveness/anger/sin*
4. We have to grow before we can enter our Promised land **V30** *until you have increased, and you inherit the land.*
 - a. Size: Your maturity/people skills/dominion is not large enough yet!

C. The 2nd mistake disciples can make: The error of responsibility

1. Many cover their own laziness/carnality by spiritualizing: *Place all responsibility on God*
 - a. *If the Lord wants me to – He'll do it...*
2. Our text reveals a balance: We have a personal responsibility in our own destiny!
 - a. *Deuteronomy 7:24* (Companion scripture) *And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.*
 - b. Bible principle: Laboring together with God **1 Cor 3:9** *For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.*
3. Once we know God's will – every decision is a discipleship decision
 - a. Your time/money/marriage/relationships: *Does it bring you closer or farther away from destiny?*

II. PROCESS IN DISCIPLESHIP

A. God's promise concerning destiny: You will have conflict! **V28** You will have to battle enemies: *Hivites/Canaanites/Hittites*

1. *They will fight you/they will resist you – try and make it harder for you to enter the Promised Land*
 - a. Often shocking to disciples: They hear the call/they go on record – and sometimes all hell breaks loose!
 1. *Finances/job problems/sickness/relational difficulties*
3. We can feel condemned when we have battles: Resistance/Any failure/setback there must be something wrong with me!
 - a. *I must not be called after all; Or I must not have what it takes – or I wouldn't have problems*

B. Our text: God is preparing them for the promised land/making progress to enter it

1. The truth: It will be a process over time: **V30** *Little by little I will drive them out from before you*
 - a. Having problems doesn't mean you're not called/you don't have what it takes
 - b. Battles now - are how you learn to fight/how to rule/have dominion: *God is helping you*
 1. *If you can win in \$/job/sickness now – you can dislodge big demons later!*
2. God gives the reason why it's not complete/instant: It wouldn't be good for us
 - a. **V29** *I won't drive them out from before you in 1 year, lest the land become desolate & the beast of the field become too numerous for you.*
 1. Things are held in check by the process/by the ongoing struggle; Beasts!
 - a. *Pride: Look what I did! b. Ingratitude c. Forgetfulness: Forgetting God/Pastor/home church/Fellowship*
 - b. Reminder: Struggle drives us to God/to dependence on Him Peter: *I'll never fail!*
 3. The Process of discipleship is good for us: *If we got ministry immediately – it would kill us! And others!*
 - a. **1 Timothy 3:6** *not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.*

III. PROMISE IN DISCIPLESHIP

A. The powerful promise of discipleship/destiny: We are not in this on our own!

1. The focus of this passage on entering destiny -- is God! *5x I will send/cause/make/drive out...*
2. Whatever God calls you to do – He will supply whatever is necessary to bring it to pass
 - a. *Isaiah 49:2* *He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. Removing/sanding/heating/straightening - hiding*
3. God is committed to us/to His will in our lives: *He's not shocked by problems/resistance – I need to find a better man!*
4. In God's loving wisdom: He knows exactly what we need – He knows exactly how much:
 - a. **V30** *Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land.*
5. This speaks of God's supernatural power in enabling us to enter His will
 - a. **V27** *"I will send My fear before you/cause confusion among all the people..., and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.*
 1. I am preparing people/circumstances to ultimately help you
 - b. **V28** *And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.*
 1. I've never had hornets help me: But things irritating/dangerous – work to bring us to destiny
 - a. These are often things you don't understand til later on: That was God helping me!