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Those Who Will Take the Land

Israel came out of Egypt and spent forty years in the desert, until everyone died. They took them out one by one and buried them. Then the younger generation went into the land. Twelve spies went out first. They all saw the same thing, but ten came back with a different perspective than the other two. Only two of the men saw as our Father. They're the only two from that generation who survived and went into the land — Joshua and Caleb.

We all have to see from the same perspective. We all "see" the same things, but so many see something different. They just see all the problems — like the ten who saw all the giants. But Caleb and Joshua saw our Father as greater than the giants. We all see with the same kind of physical eyes, but it's according to *how* we see — what kind of "glasses" we put on. We have to all be like Joshua and Caleb, otherwise we're not going to enter the Kingdom. Israel entering the land was a type.

The Continual Burnt Offering

There are so many places that talk about the sacrifice that we offer up — the offering of our bodies (Rom 12:1-2). It is a continual sacrifice — perpetual burnt offerings, never ending, morning and evening. Forty years from now, if you're living in this house, you'll still be doing the same thing when you get up, and again in the evening. We'll be doing this the rest of our lives, every morning and every evening.

As we grow up into our Master, into the Head, we are making preparations. Because He cannot come until we are prepared and ready. Heaven holds Him until then, until the time comes when He can restore all things in the next age. It's our ministry to restore everything in this age so He can return (Mk 9:12; Mt 17:11). There is a restoration in this age of the Church. Then He will restore Israel in the next age. He will give them the land and restore all that was lost.

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We have a marvelous ministry. We serve as priests offering up a continual sacrifice. As long as we're in Vista, there will never be a time when there won't be a morning and evening sacrifice. We will never desert this place. Even when we go to events, we'll always leave enough people to offer up the sacrifice. This is how it will be in every place, every locality, in every township. That's how we take the land.

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