

Deuteronomy

Lesson 3 Deuteronomy 7-9

Moses lays out for the people their policy of war as they enter the land in Chapter 7. They would remain holy to the Lord and completely drive out the nations of the land. No treaties or exceptions were to be made, and absolutely no inter-marrying with the nations. Their success in war and the blessings would only come from faithful obedience to God alone because it was He who would give them victory.

Another key instruction Moses gives is of the need to not forget the LORD once they had entered the land. Chapter 8 lays out the dangers of forgetting the graciousness of God toward His people. Doing so would end in disaster for Israel. Finally, Moses calls Israel to "Hear" the LORD again by warning them from stubborn rebellion. They were not going to take the land from self-righteousness, but by God's righteousness.

Notes

Homework:

As you read Chapters 7-9 note each instance where they are called to remember something or warned to not be forgetful. Consider: Why is forgetfulness and remembrance such a key feature of Deuteronomy?

What is it that motivates forgetfulness in God's people then and now?

Questions:

1. Why were the people of Israel to be so thorough in their warfare with the nations of the land? Was it simply to avoid idolatry, or was there more to God's commands?
2. How did God's previous provision foreshadow the blessings of the land?
3. How did self-righteousness lead to rebellion in the examples Moses mentions in Chapter 9?