

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, MEET YOUR GOD: A GOD WHO PROVIDES
Deuteronomy 1:1-18
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1:1-3 I. God speaks to the heedless.

:1 A. In covenant
"These are the words..."

:1, 3 B. Through the prophet
"...that Moses spoke...according to all that the Lord has given him..."

:1 C. For all the church
"...to all Israel..."

:1-3 D. At the boundary
"...beyond the Jordan in the wilderness...It is eleven days' journey.... In the fortieth year..."

:4 II. God defends the helpless.
"...after he had defeated Sihon...and Og..."

:5-8 III. God inspires the hopeless.
"Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law..."

A. He commands us to leave where we are.
"The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain..."

B. He calls us to go to a new land.
"Turn and take your journey and go..."

1. He promised it.
"...to the hill country of the Amorites...in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites...Lebanon...the river Euphrates...."

2. We must take possession of it.
"Go in and take possession of the land..."

3. It is our inheritance.
"...that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and their offspring after them."

:9-18 IV. God transforms the hapless.

:9-12 A. He teaches us to delegate.

"...you are today as numerous as the stars of the heavens.... How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife?"

:13-15 B. He teaches us to discriminate.

"Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads...commanders...officers...judges..."

:16-18 C. He teaches us to adjudicate.

"And I charged your judges at that time..."

:16 1. Judge fairly.

"...judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien..."

:17 2. Judge impartially.

"You shall hear the small and the great alike."

:17 3. Judge fearlessly.

"You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's."

:17-18 4. Judge submissively.

"And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me and I will hear it... And I commanded you at that time all the things you should do."