

Deuteronomy

Loving Obedience to a Loving God

Deuteronomy 2:1-23

I. Introduction

Chapter 1 recounts the rebellious decisions that caused great setbacks to the people of Israel. Chapter 2 recounts some of their victories that came as a result of their obedience to God.

II. God is still *with* you! (v.1,7)

God is very aware when we are in the wilderness. He knows what we are going through and he has been with us during these times.

"We can be sure that the will of God will never lead us where the grace of God cannot keep us or the power of God enable us to glorify the Lord." Wiersbe

III. God is still *guiding* for you! (v.2,3)

Even in the wilderness times God still guides us! He may seem distant but he is directing our steps and our every interaction with people. God is involved in human affairs!

Acts 17:26 – "From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live."

After 38 years of aimlessly circling the dessert, Israel is now on the march passing through Edom, Moab, and Ammon.

IV. God is still *providing* for you! (v.7)

"You have lacked nothing!" What a powerful testimony to God and His Character. His disobedient children have lacked nothing! Our God is so patient with us!

God provided a Savior for us! While we were his enemy Christ died for us!

V. God is still *merciful* to you! (v.13-15)

The crossing of the Zered was a benchmark event for the Israelites. It signaled the end of the wilderness wanderings, as the crossing of the Red Sea had marked the end of Egyptian bondage. The crossing of the Jordan River would mark the beginning of a new era in the Promised Land.

1 Corinthians 9:27, 10:1-13

VI. Conclusion