

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#9] *Not Moses but Joshua* – Deuteronomy 3:23–29

Sermon Outline – September 10, 2017

Children's Sermon: Does God Have a Plan for You!

Who has read the Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe?

Compare exploring the professor's house with exploring Narnia!

Why were Peter, Susan, Edmond & Lucy at the Professor's house?

Job 40:8–12

⁸ Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? ⁹ Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his? ¹⁰ “Dress yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor. ... ¹² Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand. ...

We are all pieces of God's puzzle!

The Historical Review

Notes:

The Lord's Powerful Grace in the Wilderness (1:6–4:40)

- A. God's Good Creation at Horeb (1:6–18)
- B. Rebellion at Kadesh Barnea (1:19–46)
- C. The LORD of History (2:1–25)
- D. The Lord Has Defeated Sihon & Og (2:26–3:22)
- E. **Denial to Moses of the Promised Land (3:23–29)**
- F. The Exhortation of Moses (4:1–40)

Joshua not Moses (3:23–29)

²³ “And *I pleaded with the Lord* at that time, saying, ²⁴ ‘O Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours? ²⁵ *Please let me go over* and *see the good land* beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.’ ²⁶ But *the Lord was angry with me because of you* and would not listen to me. And the Lord said to me, ‘*Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again.*’ ²⁷ Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and *look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan.* ²⁸ *But charge Joshua,* and

encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.'

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Moses is part of God's plan, not the other way around.



Jesus not Moses

Moses is Like Jesus but is not Jesus (Joshua also)

Deuteronomy 18:18

¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Jesus is the Center of God's Plan!

Moses Given another View from a Mountain

Luke 9:28–31

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, **Moses** and **Elijah**, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his *departure* (exodus), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

The Story is Always Centered on Jesus

- Our stories are small pieces of his story
 - Don't aim your life at you own achievement or satisfaction
 - Aim your life at bringing glory and honor to Jesus!

2 Corinthians 5:14–15

¹⁴ For the *love of Christ controls us*, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves **but for him** who for their sake died and was raised.

- All roads lead to Jesus

- When we succeed...
(Jesus gets the credit)

1 Corinthians 15:9–10

⁹ For I [Paul] am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But **by the grace of God** I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

- When we fail...
(We are led back to the cross of Jesus)

1 John 1:8–9

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, **he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

...Fired at our Life & Heart

God has a wonderful plan for Jesus and we have a beautiful supporting role in His story.



Revelation 21:5–8

⁵ And **he who was seated on the throne** said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”