
Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#8] *The Lord Has Defeated Sihon & Og* – Deuteronomy 2:26–3:22

Sermon Outline – September 3, 2017

Children's Sermon: A Different Kind of Fight

Have you ever been in a fight?

As Christians, we don't have to protect ourselves: (e.g. Saul)

Acts 9:4b

“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

The cross teaches us to fight a different kind of fight...

(The, trust-God-until-I'm-dead fight)

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)

The Lord Has Defeated Sihon & Og (2:1–25)

- 1. Defeat of Sihon, King of Heshbon (2:26–37)
- 2. Defeat of Og, King of Bashan (3:1–11)
- 3. Distribution of the Transjordan Land (3:12–17)
- 4. Instructions to the Transjordanian Tribes (3:18–20)
- 5. Instructions to Joshua (3:21–22)

²⁴ ‘Rise up, set out on your journey... Behold, *I have given into your hand* Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to take possession, and contend with him in battle. ...

²⁶ “**So I sent messengers** from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon, *with words of peace*, saying, ²⁷ ‘Let me pass through your land. I will go only by the road... ^{28b} Only let me pass through on foot, ²⁹ *as the sons of Esau* who live in Seir and *the Moabites* who live in Ar did for me, until I go over the Jordan into the land that the Lord our God is giving to

us.’ ³⁰ *But Sihon the king of Heshbon* would not let us pass by him, for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day. ³¹ And the Lord said to me, ‘Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may occupy his land.’ ³² Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. ³³ And the Lord our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people. ³⁴ And we captured all his cities at that time and *devoted to destruction* every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors. ³⁵ Only the livestock we took as spoil for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities that we captured. ³⁶ ... *there was not a city too high for us. The Lord our God gave all into our hands.* ³⁷ Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not draw near, that is, to all the banks of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, whatever the Lord our God had forbidden us.

¹ “Then we turned and went up the way to **Bashan**. And **Og** the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ² But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’... ⁵ All these were cities *fortified with high walls, gates, and bars*, besides very many unwalled villages. ⁶ And we *devoted them to destruction*, as we did to Sihon the king of Heshbon, *devoting to destruction* every city, men, women, and children. ... [summary & description of land] ¹¹ (For only **Og** the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth...)

¹² “When we took possession of this land at that time, I gave to the **Reubenites** and the **Gadites**... to the half-tribe of **Manasseh**. ... ¹⁴ **Jair the Manassite** took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan...

[Names, description of land]

¹⁸ “And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The Lord your God has given you this land to possess. **All your men of valor shall cross over armed before your brothers**, the people of Israel. ...[they are given rest]’

²¹ **And I commanded Joshua** at that time, ‘*Your eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings. So will the Lord do* to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. ²² You shall not fear them, for it is **the Lord your God** who ***fights for you.***’

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Yahweh is an irresistible warrior who has demonstrated his power. Fight without fear because He fighting for you.



God Fights for Us!

How has God demonstrated his power to Christians?

What is the nature of our warfare?

The Resurrection of Jesus!

1 Corinthians 15:22–26

²² For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive.** ²³ But each in his own order: ***Christ the firstfruits***, then at his coming *those who belong to Christ.*

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father *after destroying every rule and every authority and power.* ²⁵ For he must reign *until he has put all his enemies under his feet.* ²⁶ ***The last enemy to be destroyed is death.***

The Nature of our Warfare is to...

John 18:36–37

³⁶ Jesus answered, “***My kingdom is not of this world. ...***”

³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. ***For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth.*** Everyone who is of the ***truth*** listens to *my voice.*”

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Since Jesus has so decisively defeated sin & death we are called to trust Him to enable us to be more than conquerors. (Romans 8:37)

The Truth – “nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus”



Have you seen his power first hand?

2 Corinthians 10:4–5

⁴ For the *weapons of our warfare* are not of the flesh but have **divine power** to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

Romans 6:5–6

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ *We know* that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, *so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **my church**, and *the gates of hell* shall not prevail against it.