

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#7] *This is God's Plan!* – Deuteronomy 2:1–25

Sermon Outline – August 27, 2017

Children's Sermon: Fear & Faith

Do you trust God?

"...faith isn't an emotion God evaluates by its intensity. **Faith is trust**, and it's only as good as the object of its trust. **So the question isn't 'Did you truly believe?'**... **It's 'Who did you believe in?'**

I fear many of our evangelical churches have created a generation of anxious Christians who constantly inspect their faith."¹

Are you afraid of God?

Six Days Seven Nights (1998)

[Robin Monroe](#): I am so scared.

[Quinn Harris](#): If it makes you feel any better, I'm a little scared myself.

[Robin Monroe](#): Uh, no. No, that does not make me feel better.

[Quinn Harris](#): I thought that's what women wanted.

[Robin Monroe](#): What?

[Quinn Harris](#): Men who weren't afraid to cry, who were in touch with their feminine side.

[Robin Monroe](#): No, not when they're being chased by pirates, they like 'em mean and armed!

Isaiah 45:7 (NLT)

⁷ I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times. I, the Lord, am the one who does these things.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Historical Review

Notes:

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

The Terror & Security of the LORD of History (2:1–25)

1. God secured Edom's Inheritance – Esau (2:1–8)

¹ Lawrence, Michael. *Conversion: How God Creates a People* (9marks Building Healthy Churches) (p. 37-38). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

2. God secured Moab's Inheritance - Lot (2:9-12)
3. God Destroyed the 1st Generation (2:13-18)
4. God secured Ammon's Inheritance - Lot (2:17-23)
5. Contend with Sihon the Amorite (2:24-25)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Yahweh establishes and removes every nation. No one is more terrifying, or safe & secure.



Acts 17:26-28a

And [God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, ***having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,*** ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for “***In him we live and move and have our being***’...

Acknowledge God as God

Why are we told of God's Providence?

It does not Reveal His Attitude Toward Individuals:

- Smiling Providence
- Frowning Providence

Luke 13:2-5

² And he answered them, “***Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners*** than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: ***do you think that they were worse offenders*** than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

John 9:2-3

² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, ***who sinned***, this man or his parents, ***that he was born blind?***” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. (Consider also Job!)

It is to Acknowledge God as God

Matthew 10:28–33

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹⁻³⁰ [sparrows & the hairs of your head]

³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² **So** everyone who *acknowledges me* before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever *denies me* before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Cyrus – “I name you, though you do not know me.”

“I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

Our Rebellion: Truth Suppression!

Romans 1:21

²¹ For although they knew God, *they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him*, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 3:11–12

¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

There is a point to your suffering!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

God is the author of all of history. The good, the bad & everything in between serve his purposes!



John 19:10–11a

¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” ¹¹ Jesus answered him, “*You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above...*”

- **We Know God is Good** because Jesus Suffered & Died for Us!
- **We Know God is All Powerful** Because Death Could Not Hold Him!
- **Conclusion:** This is God’s plan & it is good (even when I do not understand it!)

PAKISTAN – A Pakistani Christian girl

On Tuesday August 22, police found **Sameera**, a 16-year-old Christian girl who had been kidnapped on 31 July. She had been raped, forcibly married to her captor, and forced to convert to Islam.

According to a 2014 report by a Pakistani NGO estimated that each year at least 700 Christian girls and young women and 300 Hindu girls and young women suffer similar abuse.

Many abductors escape justice because the girl is not able to testify freely in court, while her abductor claims she is now a Muslim and freely consented to marry him. Abductors often produce a “conversion certificate.”²

PAKISTAN – Innocent Christian man dies in prison

36-year-old **Indrayas Ghulam**, has died in prison while awaiting trial.

For the last four months he suffered so badly from tuberculosis that he could not walk to the bathroom. However, he was not taken to hospital until August 12 and even then within an hour he was sent back to prison, where he died the next day. He leaves behind a widow and children aged 12, 10 and 6.²

Isaiah 61:1–4 (Cited in - Luke 4:18-19)

¹ The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

² Barnabas Aid. Newsdesk - 24 August 2017