

“Ye have Dwelt Long Enough in this Mount”

It's Time for Another Victory

Deuteronomy 1:6-8 *The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: 7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, **in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south,** and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.*

Here we find the Lord reminiscing of the events that took place in Numbers 13-15. We find here in our passage that the Lord is trying to teach us something about what took place back in the book of Numbers.

We find the children of Israel dwelling on the mountain top of victory, celebrating their freedom from Egypt. It is while they are upon this mountain top that the Lord tells them to move on to greater things. Sadly many of the people were too comfortable with their accomplishments to move and many others had lost their faith. “Ye have Dwelt Long Enough in this Mount”

Deuteronomy 2:3 “Ye have compassed this mountain long enough.”

The mountain top of the past is not good enough for today!

1. The Liking of Comfort (Deu 1:26)

God's Ready Provision (Deu 1:22-26)

2. The Lack of Courage (Deuteronomy 1:28)

God's Reassuring Power (Deu 1:30)

3. The Lamenting and Complaining (Deu 1:27, Num 14:1-2)

God's Relentless Patience (Numbers 14:12-13,17-20)

How many times did Moses go before the Lord asking Him to forgive the complaining of Israel?

4. The Looking for a Captain (Numbers 14:3-4)

Instead of discouraging (DEU 1:28) your leader or looking for another one, try encouraging the man of God and see what happens. (DEU 1:38)

God's Reminding of His Presence (Deu 1:9-11)

5. The Line Crossed (Deu 1:32-35)

6. The Loss in Conflict (Deu 1:41-44)

Out of all these only two made it to the new Mountain top of Canaan. Caleb and Joshua.

The secret to Caleb's victory is found in verse 36 “*because he hath wholly followed the LORD*”

Lessons to Learn

1. God wants us to enjoy the mountain tops, but not forever.
2. You cannot dwell on the mountain top of past victory when the Lord has called you to possess another mountain.
3. God has always got a bigger mountain for us to conquer.
4. It does not matter how many past mountain top victories you may have had, the moment you quit following the Lord it is all gone.