

Remembering the Past: God's Faithfulness and Human Failures

Deuteronomy 1

I. Introduction

- A. Israel is at a Crossroad
 - a. A new generation is about to go into the land.
 - b. Moses is about to die and a new leader is about to .
- B. Deuteronomy is a Series of Sermons and a Covenant Renewal Document
 - 1. Historical Setting: "Looking Back at What God has done" (1-4)
 - 2. Covenant Stipulations: "The Covenant Law and Need to Obey" (5-28)
 - 3. Blessings and Curses: "A Call to Keep the Covenant" (29-30)

II. Setting the Scene (Deuteronomy 1:1-5)

III. Remember God's Faithfulness (1:6-18)

- A. God Brought the Prior Generation to His Place (6-8)
- B. God Made You into a Great People (9-18)

IV. Remember Human Failures (1:19-46)

- A. Approaching the Promised Land (1:19-25)
- B. The Prior Generation Rebels (1:26-33)
- C. God's Judgment on the Rebels (1:34-40)
- D. They Rebelled Rather Than Repenting (1:41-46)

V. Conclusion

- A. This section calls the new generation to remember God's faithfulness and their parents' failures.
 - 1. Why?
 - a. They are about to be called on to "go up and take the land"
 - b. They must learn from the previous generation's sins and failures.
 - c. They must trust God's promises and character and power.
 - 2. Application for us
 - a. We are called to remember God's faithfulness as the grounding for our faith.
 - b. We must learn to trust the Lord and obey him.
 - c. Where are you tempted to doubt his goodness, wisdom, or power?