

Deuteronomy 2:26–3:11

Trusting and Obeying the Lord Our God

Friday, March 21, 2025 • Read Deuteronomy 2:26–3:11

Questions from the Scripture text: Whom did Moses send to whom in v26? With what sorts of words? What arrangement did he propose (v27–28)? Similar to what (v29)? How did Sihon respond (v30)? Why? Who speaks to whom in v31? How does He explain Sihon's refusal? What does Sihon do (v32)? With whom? Who did what in v33? With what result? What did Israel take (v34)? Whom did they destroy? What did they take (v35)? What was not true, of which cities (v36)? Why/how? Where did Moses say that they avoided (v37)? Why? Then, where did they go (3:1)? Who did what, where? Who spoke to whom in v2? What did He say not to do? Why not? What would they do to him? What did YHWH do (v3)? With what results (v3–7)? What was the total result from both kings/peoples (v8–10)? What had been significant about Og in particular? What did his bedstead have to be made of? How large did it have to be? What was done with it after he died?

Who destroyed Sihon and Og? Deuteronomy 2:26–3:11 looks forward to the evening sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these twenty-three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **the One Who destroyed Sihon and Og was Israel's very own covenant God.**

Just as with destroying the other giants, and giving their lands to other peoples, in vv1–24, there is a display of YHWH's power, generosity, and faithfulness in Israel's encounters with Sihon and Og.

The passage's unique vocabulary/language emphasizes that the Lord does this as Israel's covenant God. "YHWH our God" (v29). "YHWH your God" (v30). "YHWH our God" (v33). "YHWH our God" (v36). "YHWH our God" (v37). "YHWH our God" (v3). He Who works all things according to the counsel of His will is the One Who has predestined us to an inheritance (cf. Eph 1:11). He is ours, and we are His.

The Lord has done His works in history as their own covenant God, Who has taken them to be His own covenant people. As part of the introduction of the sermon that is Deuteronomy, the Lord is cementing to them their covenant bond with Himself. As He expounds His law to them in the rest of the sermon/book, He gives those laws not merely as their Creator and Lord, but as their own covenant God. He has been faithful to them, and they are bound to covenant faithfulness to Him. Indeed, this was one of the reasons for the complete wiping out of those nations that were under the ban for the completion of their sin against YHWH (cf. 2:34, 3:6, Gen 15:16, Lev 27:28).

Does the Lord not do the same with you, dear Christian? He has given Christ, and overcome sin and death and hell, not merely as One providing hypothetical or potential salvation for all who are willing to take it. Rather, His salvation is covenantally focused upon those whom He is taking to Himself. So, not only does He save you in covenantally specific intentionality, but He also calls you to faithfulness in the same way. He is Your very own God, Who has saved you and bound you to Himself. When He gives you His commands, and calls you to obedience, He is not only calling you to obedience and submission, but also to faithfulness to your covenant relationship with Him.

Because He is your very own God, you needn't fear anyone, not even a 13.5 ft tall, 6 ft wide, giant. And because He is your very own God, you mustn't disobey or disregard the "smallest" one of His laws or principles. After all, they are His.

What great challenges or dangers do you face? What relation do you have to Him Who is sovereign over them? What commands and principles has He given that you continue to struggle with? What relation do you have to Him Who has given them?

Sample prayer: Lord, You are our God, and You have power and rule over all. We thank You for Your promises and praise You for Your faithfulness to keep them. Thank You for taking us to be Your very own people. Give us Your grace that we may also be faithful to perform all that we owe unto You, we ask through Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP78B "O Come, My People" or TPH496 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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Deuteronomy 2, verse 26 to 3, verse 11. These are God's words. And I sent Messengers from the Wilderness of ketamol to see Han King of hashpen. Words of Peace, saying, let me pass through your land. I'll keep strictly to the road. No, turn neither to the right, nor to the left.

You shall sell me food for money that I may eat and give me water for money that I may drink. Only. Let me pass through on foot. Just as the descendants of Esau who dwell into here and the moabites who dwell in R? Did for me until I crossed the Jordan.

To the land, which Yahweh Our God is giving us. But Seahawk king of hashmen would not let us pass through. Yahweh, your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate so that he might deliver him into your hand. As it is this day. And you always said to me see, I have begun to give you sihan.

And his land over to you begin to possess it that you may inherit his land. Then see Han and all his people came out against us. To find out you has and Yahweh, our God delivered him over to us. So he defeated him, his sons, and all his people.

We took all his cities at the time, and we utterly destroyed the men, the women, the little ones of every city. We left none remaining. We took only the livestock as blunder for ourselves. With the spoil of the Cities which we took. From eraware, which is on the bank of the river Arnon.

The city that is in the Ravine. As far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us. Y'all, we are God. Delivered all to! Only you did not go near the people, the land of the people of the of Ammon anywhere along the river drabic. The cities of the mountains or wherever y'all we are God?

Had forbidden us. Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan and all. Gingabashan came out against us. He and all his people to battle it Andre. And you always said to me, do not fear Him, for I have delivered him and all his people into his land into your hand.

You shall do to him, as you did, to see Han.

Oh, Yahweh, our God, also delivered into our hands OG king of Hashem. His people and we attacked him. Until we had no survivors remaining. And we took all his cities. At that time, there was not a city which we did not take from them. 60 cities all the region of argon.

The Kingdom of AG and Bashan. All these cities. We're fortified with high walls and Gates and bars. Besides a great many rural towns. And we utterly destroyed them as we did to see Han king of hashmen. Really destroying the men, women, and children of every city. But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities?

We took his booty for ourselves. And at that time, we took the land from the hand, the two kings of the amorites who were on this side of the Jordan from the river Arnon to Mount Hermon. Call Hermann Syria on the amrites called it zeneir. All the cities of the plane, all Gilead and all Bashan as far as salka and Ed Ray cities of the kingdom of Ark in Bashan.

For only OG King of Bashan, remained of the remnant of the Giants. Indeed, his bedstead was an iron bedstead. Is it not in rabba of the people of Ammon nine cubits? Its length and 4 cubits, its width according to the standard qubit. So far, the reading of gods inspired and.

And they're interred. Remembering that Deuteronomy is largely a covenant document. Moses's last sermon that he's preaching to the people of Israel about. Relationship that the Lord is establishing. With them in the land as he brings them. Into the land and? We're still in the section at the beginning of this Covenant document in the beginning of this sermon, in which he's reminding them of who the Lord is to them.

He's reminding them of their history with him and what he has done for them. In this particular case, of course, he's reminding them that he's given them the land of seahon. of, the amorites and the land of OG of the amorites, the king of Bashan, and the 60 great cities of Bashan and.

Of the many rural towns around Bashan. But not just that he's given them the property, although he did. but that he delivered these Mighty Kings in, into their hands. Then, this reminds us or teaches us that. Not only has the Lord done the great one-time things to establish Covenant with us and bring us into relationship with him.

Most notably, of course, sending Christ for us and then in our own life. Putting us into his church, sometimes even just by our birth, and what we owe to him. For having, put us in a Christian family and made us members of his church from birth, which, of course, does not save you.

But it puts you under all the more obligation. how much we owe to him that we would repent and believe? Who has done this for us, how much we owe that? To him. While similarly here, how much they owe to the Lord for all that he has done, not just?

The one-time climactic way in The Exodus out of Egypt, and not just. in their own lives, each one of them at the beginning of their life or is sparing them in the wilderness, but ongoing demonstrations of their belonging to him and his goodness to them. Just like, each of Our Lives is filled.

Demonstrations, memorials, and there to remember what the Lord has done. Notice at every? It doesn't just say that Yahweh. hardened. Let's see Han's spirit and made his art obstinate, says Yapha, your God. Hardened his Spirit. Doesn't just say Yahwe delivered him into our hands. In verse 33, it says Yahweh, our God.

Delivered him over to us. Doesn't, just say, y'all. I helped us. to take all the cities. In verse 36, Yahweh, Our God. Delivered all to us. Verse 3 of chapter 3, Yahweh, Our God, delivered into our hands OG of King Bashan.

So, we too, and we remember the events of our life. We should remember it in that covenantal language that he is our God. And we are his people. This is what our God. This is what my God did for me in this place and that place. And for us, Yahweh, Our God.

Quite miraculously, delivered us from the hand to Victor at Allah and Cyprus. Who was certain that we were trapped and would have to change everything about our family and how we walked with the Lord? but Yahweh, our God, delivered us and gave us to continue to walk with him.

According to his word, Yahweh, our God brought us to Hopewell. Where we have lived in this house longer than? mommy and I have. lived in any other house in our marriage. And it has been a place where. he has blessed the ministry and done wonderful work in the people and done wonderful work in us.

And. This habit, then, that the scripture everywhere and here especially teaches us of taking note of not just what the Lord has done that has been powerful because he is powerful, not just what the Lord has done that has been merciful because he is merciful. The Lord has done as our God.

Because he is our God. Because he's taken us to be his very own Covenant people. And he has given himself to be our very own. Covenant God? So, Deuteronomy is actually going to end up being largely a law book. A Deuteronomy means second law and the second giving of the Ten Commandments is in it, and the bulk of the book, you know, three quarters of the book is spent on an exposition of the Ten Commandments and applying it early in the application of the Ten Commandments to the Civil Life of the nation of Israel.

Remembering who it is that has given that instruction. And so. Should remember just who it is. We should take note of great things that he has done for us. Remember that he has done them as our own Covenant God, and then take note of them, not just for praise and thankfulness, but that our obedience would come in that relationship with him.

Because we are his. Jesus says, if you love me, you will keep my Commandments, but we need to love him as our savior. We need to love him as our King. We need to love him as our God and be responding. To what he has personally done. By the keeping of his Commandments.

And so it's good for us to. memorialized to make memory memory of. The things the Lord has done for us, even as they rather than. Melting down and using the iron bedstead of OG King of Bashan. in verse 11 of chapter 3. they left it there in rabba of the ammonites so that one could go visit it and see.

This nine cubit by four cubit bed. Had to be that big for OG, which means he was 13 and a half feet tall and six feet wide. What an enormous. but. that's because Yahweh, our God, or Yahweh, their God. Had delivered them from him. So they could trust him going forward, and they would obey him going forward.

In response to his being. Their very own. God. Amen. Let's pray.

Thank you Father for being our own Covenant God and. Taking us to be your very own Covenant people. Help us to remember. All the good and great things that you've done for us in that context. And help us to respond to you and love you and Obey you. As our own God and your son, our own savior.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we ask it. Amen.