

Junior Sunday School Outline
Book- Deuteronomy
Chapter- Deuteronomy 9
Scripture- Deuteronomy 9:1-4

Memory verse- Psalm 44:8, *"In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah."*

INTRODUCTION- Today, we will continue to see Moses give these final instructions to the children of Israel before he will die and be taken to Heaven. In this chapter, God uses Moses to prepare Israel for entering the Promised Land by telling them why God will cast out the Canaanites. Also, God uses Moses to give this new generation of Israelites a brief reminder of their father's rebellions against the Lord. The former generation had made God so angry because of their pride and rebellion that He would have destroyed them had it not been for Moses pleading to Him for mercy. Obviously, Moses did not want this generation to make the same mistakes as their fathers made.

I. GOD DESPISES ISRAEL'S PRIDE (v.1-6)

A. Moses tells Israel about the battles that they must face (v.1-3)- God's will for Israel was to enter Canaan, but within its borders dwelled an enormous race of giants called the Anakims. Moses tells Israel that their enemies are bigger and stronger than they are, but that the God of Israel is bigger and stronger than their enemies. Many times we may feel like we are the "underdogs" to our enemies, but with God, we are "more than conquerors". Remember, David was smaller than Goliath, Gideon and his mighty men were fewer than the Midianites, Samson did not look mighty to the Philistines, and even Jesus, Himself, did not look very powerful to the Pharisees—but "with God all things are possible".

B. Moses tells Israel that God is not fighting for them because of their good deeds (v.4-6)- It is very important for the Christian to understand that God does not choose to fight for us because we are so good, for the Bible teaches us that we are all sinners and none of us are good! Israel was a sinful people, but because God had made a promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, He would keep His promise. When we experience a victory in our life, it is easy for us to take the credit and say, "look what I have done". It is only God Who can give the victory in our lives, and all praise is due only to Him. Just because we are saved does not mean that we are perfect, for we will all sin from time to time. But, since the Lord has promised us that if we will trust His Son, Jesus, we can have a home in Heaven—God will make good on His promise!

*Titus 1:2, *"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised..."*

*I Jn. 2:25, *"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."*

II. MOSES DESCRIBES ISRAEL'S REBELLION (v.7-29)

A. Israel's fathers had rebelled against God in making the golden calf (v.7-16)- While Moses was on the top of Mt. Sinai receiving God's law, Israel wondered if Moses would ever return and decided to make their own gods. They fashioned a golden calf after the manner of the Egyptians, who worshiped a bull or "calf". Every born-again believer is waiting for Jesus to return, and while we wait, we should be faithfully serving the Lord until He comes. However, many people have given up on waiting and are following after the false gods of this world.

B. Moses reminds Israel how he had to plead to God on their behalf (v.17-21)- Moses is a good picture of Jesus, Who goes to God on our behalf to beg Him for mercy. Jesus is the only Mediator between God and us. Jesus is the only One Who can turn the wrath and judgment of God away from us by you and I being covered with His blood. Moses took the tablets of stone upon which God had written His commandments and broke them, picturing for all of Israel how that they had sinned in breaking God's law.

*I Jn. 3:4, *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law..."*

*Jam. 2:10, *"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."*

*I Jn. 2:1, *"...if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"*

C. Moses gives Israel four other examples of their father's rebellion against God (v.22-29)- Israel complained to God at Taberah, and God sent a fire to burn them. Israel complained about no water at Massah, and Moses struck the Rock to bring forth water. Israel complained about no meat at Kibroth-hattaavah, and God sent quail to feed them but a plague also to punish them for their greediness. Israel complained about the giants at Kadesh-barnea, and God sent them into the wilderness to die. All of these examples were given by Moses to this new generation in hopes that they would not make the same mistakes.

III. CONCLUSION

1. We must always remember to give God the credit for every good thing that comes our way. We may not boast of ourselves, for God hates our pride.
2. We must strive to learn from the mistakes of others so that we do not make the same mistakes in our lives and force God to punish us, also.
3. It is because of pride that many people do not trust Jesus as their Saviour. They think they shall enter Heaven because of something good that they have done, but this is not true.
4. Will you make the same mistakes as the many that are at this moment trusting their good works to get them to Heaven or will you trust the One and only Way to Heaven-Jesus Christ!
5. Song, "One Way God said to get to Heaven..."