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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Sign-up by Saturday

MISSION FUNDRAISER FUN NIGHT

Tonight at 6:00

DISCOVER COUNTRY BIBLE

*Sunday, February 26 at 2-6pm
(visitors, attenders, membership candidates)*

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**MAIN GOAL:
GLORIFY & ENJOY GOD**

Westminster Confession of Faith

1. **MOTIVATE YOUR PRESENT
OBEDIENCE WITH
GOD'S PAST (LARGE-HEARTED) GRACE**

The Multiple Facets of 2:1-25

THE SANDWICH OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN 2:1-25

- Provision (v.7)
- Promises (v.24-25)
- Deliverances (v.4-23)

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY (V.22)

&

HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY (V.12)

THIS IS GOD'S UNDESERVED GRACE EVEN FOR THE UNBELIEVER

*In God's common grace he rules the nations and
guides their ultimate direction*

Some of our Founding Fathers were wrong about how God acts.

THIS WAS WRITTEN TO MOTIVATE OBEDIENCE

“As in the old covenant, so in the new covenant, obedience to God’s teachings is always to be motivated by what God has graciously done for us in the past, whether that is in redemptive history or in our own personal history. *Ultimately, Jesus and his work on our behalf is the supreme instance and ultimate portrait of the gracious nature of God revealed in these opening sections of Deuteronomy (Eph. 5:1–2).*

-Bryan Chapell

2. FUEL HOPE FOR YOUR FUTURE WITH GOD'S PAST DELIVERANCES

The Repeated Pattern 2:26-3:22 (esp. 3:21-22)

“And I commanded Joshua at that time, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the Lord your God has done to these two kings. So will the Lord do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. You shall not fear them, for it is the Lord your God who fights for you.’

Deuteronomy 3:21–22 (ESV)

“As Israel’s entrance into and life in the Promised Land was guaranteed by what God did for them rather than what they did for God, so too, **our entrance into and life in God’s eternal kingdom is guaranteed by what God has done for us in Christ rather than by what we do for God.**

-Bryan Chapell

LESSONS FROM A SWIMMING POOL

*Displaying of the glory of God's character
by actively trusting his promises.*

ANOTHER DIFFICULT ISSUE

The total destruction of the Amorites

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Some years ago my son and his wife were involved in a Bible study going through the book of Joshua. The entire group was troubled by the Israelites' treatment of the Canaanites. In fact, few issues in Old Testament interpretation are as difficult as the Lord's command to the Israelites to dispossess the Canaanites and take over their land, along with his command to wipe out the Amorites east of the Jordan. How could a good God command the elimination of a whole race, including men, women, and children? Is this not genocide of the worst sort? And what is to stop us from carrying out similar actions in the name of God against entire peoples in our own time?

These texts are so troubling that many reject the Old Testament and its God because of this single issue, and many refuse the gospel of the New Testament because of its guilt by association, for the Old Testament is part of the Christian Bible.

-Daniel Block

CONSIDER THIS...

1. God as creator has rights.
2. The ways of God are a mystery. (see Isaiah 55:8-9)
3. These people were extremely wicked. The punishment for their sin resembles the Flood of Genesis 6-9 (differing in scale and agency - using other humans cf. Lev 26; Deut 28).

CONSIDER THIS . . .

4. Deuteronomy makes clear that God does not intend for *herem* to be a general policy.

(no right to Crusades or Manifest Destiny or modern terrorism)

5. The Canaanites suffered a fate that ultimately all sinners will face: the judgement of God.

6. The first readers had a greater natural sense of group identity

(people w/ kings, children w/ parents).

CONSIDER THIS . . .

7. In the history of salvation, there had to be a holy land.
8. Rahab shows that they had 40 years notice, and God was willing to spare anyone who turned to him in faith.
9. No Favoritism: Israel is repeatedly warned in Deuteronomy of a similar fate if they act like the Canaanites.

**3. LEAN INTO GOD'S FATHERLY
KINDNESS EVEN IN THE HARD
CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR SIN**

The Implications of 3:23-29

GOD'S FATHERLY KINDNESS EVEN IN DISCIPLINE

- Ultimately the people are God's. Allowing Moses to lead them into the land would strengthen the idea that Moses, not Yahweh was their God (Numbers 20:10-13)
- Continued Leadership
- Got to see the Promised Land
- Encouraging and training Joshua to take his place

➤ A MILLENNIUM LATER THE LORD WILL
BRING MOSES TO STAND WITH HIM
ON ANOTHER MT. INSIDE THE
PROMISED LAND

Matthew 17:1-13

**THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
CLIMAXES WITH JESUS, THE
LEADER WHO NEVER FAILED AND
WHOSE DEATH SECURED OUR
ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S KINGDOM.**

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