

Instruction

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The Importance of Instruction to Deuteronomy

- The Promised Land and temptation
Instruction => *Walk in His Ways*
- Particular Instruction and its purpose
Ch. 1:8 – ____ & _____ possession
Ch. 1:11 – _____ & _____
Today = His _____ needs to be followed

The Tragedy of Moses

- Num 20:1-12 – (show on screen)
- Deuteronomy 3:21-29
 - i. He did not _____ to the rock but _____ it (10)
 - ii. Self _____, not God _____ (12)
His _____ (v. 26) & God's _____
 - Moses missed out

Moses' instruction to Joshua (vs. 21-22)

1. "The Lord will _____ fight for you" (vs.21-22)
2. "Do not be _____" (vs.22)
 - These are major _____ in God's instruction

Instructions for Life

1. Are we clearly _____ to God?
2. Are we _____ in faith and following Him?
3. Are we _____ God or ourselves?

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- The Promised Land and temptation
- God knew their tendency to not follow
Law = instruction – 48 vs in book
Religious, official/justice, civil, criminal
Instruction => Walk in His Ways

Particular – 1:8 – **go** and **take** possession of the land promised
step out in faith - big obstacles

1:11 – **increase** 1,000 and **bless** you as promised
(purpose) - #'s 3mil => 3 bil ~ half of today's pop

=> God's purpose was to bless and increase His people
=> same today - His instruction needs to be followed if
we are to be blessed! Our world w/b better off if we did

The Tragedy of Moses

Not allowed to go into P.L. Why?

- Num 20:1-12 – (show on screen)

Problem is Moses failed to follow instructions

- did not **speak** to the rock but **hit** it (10) - careful
- self **glorifying**, not God **honouring** (12) – from
“He” to “me”

Anger – fed up with the people, frustration, vs.
26- “because of you”

One writer = “**Tone**” of God to people,
“**temper**” of God to people

- Moses Missed Out
 - receiving what God had intended
 - receiving what his heart longed for, for over 40
years

- heaven yes, but Promised Land no
- I wonder how much that has maybe happened to us? How much we may have missed out on some of God's plans for our lives.
 - what blessings have we missed out on because of the wrong we have done
 - what opportunities for ministry/ service for the Lord have we or could we still miss out on because we were not following His instructions?

Moses' anger and God's mercy

Moses' request = "kept asking God" , Nagging Him

God's Response – do not speak to me anymore about this" (26)

God's Mercy – go up to Pisgah and look out at what your people will take possession of (ch.3:27, 34)

Moses' New Role - gig

1:38, here - 3:28 - encourage Joshua - read

Moses' instruction to Joshua (vs. 21-22)

1. Lord will **fight** for you (21-22)

2. do not be **afraid** (22)

=> major themes in the book and the story - Josh 1:9 - be strong and courageous, not terrified or discouraged, because the Lord our God will be with you wherever you go

Instructions for Life

1. Are we clearly **listening** to God?
2. Are we **stepping out** in faith and following God?
3. Are we **honouring** God or ourselves?

