

Preparing for Trials and Temptation

Deuteronomy 2:1-37

1. Why did they need counsel?
 - a. They were on the _____ of trial.

 - b. Trials always bring _____.

2. How did Moses counsel them?
 - a. He reminded them of God's _____.

 - b. He reminded them of God's _____.

 - c. He reminded them of God's _____.

3. How were they to put this counsel into practice?
 - a. By _____ on the person and work of God.

 - b. By _____ in faith.



Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal



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Deuteronomy 2:1-5

Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea, as the LORD told me. And for many days we traveled around Mount Seir. Then the LORD said to me, “You have been traveling around this mountain country long enough. Turn northward and command the people, ‘You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful. Do not contend with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

Deuteronomy 2:6-7

You shall purchase food from them with money, that you may eat, and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.

For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness.

These forty years the LORD your God has been with you.

You have lacked nothing.””

Deuteronomy 2:8-9

So we went on, away from our brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road from Elath and Ezion-geber. And we turned and went in the direction of the wilderness of Moab. And the LORD said to me, “Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.”

Deuteronomy 2:10-12

(The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim. The Horites also lived in Seir formerly, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, as Israel did to the land of their possession, which the LORD gave to them.)

Deuteronomy 2:13-15

“Now rise up and go over the brook Zered.”

So we went over the brook Zered.

And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.

For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the camp, until they had perished.

Deuteronomy 2:16-19

So as soon as all the men of war had perished and were dead from among the people, the LORD said to me, “Today you are to cross the border of Moab at Ar. And when you approach the territory of the people of Ammon, do not harass them or contend with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.”

Deuteronomy 2:20-23

(It is also counted as a land of Rephaim.

Rephaim formerly lived there-- but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim-- a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place, as he did for the people of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites before them and they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day. As for the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and settled in their place.)

Deuteronomy 2:24-25

Rise up, set out on your journey and go over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to take possession, and contend with him in battle.

This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

Deuteronomy 2:26-30

So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

“Let me pass through your land. I will go only by the road; I will turn aside 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,

as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for me, until I go over the Jordan into the land that the LORD our God is giving to us.’

But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day.

Deuteronomy 2:31-35

And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may occupy his land.” Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz.

And the LORD our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people. And we captured all his cities at that time and devoted to destruction every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors. Only the livestock we took as spoil for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities that we captured.

Deuteronomy 2:36-37

From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, as far as Gilead, there was not a city too high for us.

The LORD our God gave all into our hands.

Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not draw near, that is, to all the banks of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, whatever the LORD our God had forbidden us.

Big Idea

God's people on the precipice of trial need preparation for the inevitable temptations that come with hardship.

A dramatic, overcast sky with dark, heavy clouds hanging low over a dark ocean. The lighting is moody, with some light breaking through the clouds near the horizon.

Preparing for Trials

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Israel was on the precipice of trial.

On the Precipice

Deuteronomy 2:2-4

Then the LORD said to me, “You have been traveling around this mountain country long enough. Turn northward and command the people, ‘You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you.

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They had come to the edge of promise, to the precipice of trial, and Moses understood that they needed preparation for what lay ahead.

Why did they need help?

Israel was on the precipice of trial.

Trials always bring temptation.

Trials are ahead!

Deuteronomy 2:4

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So be very careful.

Temptation is coming with them!

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Trials are by definition periods
of difficulty, and difficulties
always tempt the soul.

Difficulties bring temptation!

Deuteronomy 1:21

Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 20:3-4

Let not your heart faint.

Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous.

Do not fear or be in dread of them.

In the New Testament,
trials and temptations come
together in just one word.

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

Now these things happened to them as an example,
and they were written for our instruction,
upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

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Trials turn up the heat in our lives threatening to bring fear, anxiety, and other emotions to a boil and tempting us to seek relief in *something* or *someone* other than the Lord.

Preparing for Trials

Why did they need help?

How did Moses counsel them?

What kind of counsel
would you expect?



What kind of counsel did Moses give?

**He reminded them
of God's sovereignty.**

Remember...

It is **God** who gives and withholds.

Deuteronomy 2:4-5

“You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers,
the people of Esau, who live in Seir;
and they will be afraid of you.

So be very careful. Do not contend with them,
for I will not give you any of their land, no,
not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on,
because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

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not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on,
because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

Deuteronomy 2:9

And the LORD said to me,

“Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle,
for I will not give you any of their land for a possession,
because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.”

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Deuteronomy 2:19

And when you approach the territory
of the people of Ammon,
do not harass them or contend with them,
for I will not give you any of the land
of the people of Ammon as a possession,
because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.

It is God who gives!

Deuteronomy 2:19

And when you approach the territory
of the people of Ammon,
do not harass them or contend with them,
for I will not give you any of the land
of the people of Ammon as a possession,

because **I** have given it to the sons of Lot
for a possession.

It is God who withholds!

Deuteronomy 2:19

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of the people of Ammon,
do not harass them or contend with them,

for **I** will not give you any of the land
of the people of Ammon as a possession,
because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.

Remember...

It is God who gives and withholds.

It is **God** who moves the peoples
for His good purposes.

Deuteronomy 2:9

“This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.”

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Deuteronomy 2:30

But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him,
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and made his heart obstinate,
that he might give him into your hand,
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that he might give him into your hand,
as he is this day.

The LORD did **not** corrupt their hearts, but He did turn their corrupted hearts in accordance with His purposes.

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is like channels
of water in the hand of the LORD;
He turns it wherever He wishes.

Remember...

It is God who gives and withholds.

It is God who moves people for His good purposes.

It is **God** who orchestrates
the circumstances of your life.

Deuteronomy 2:30

You shall purchase food from them with money, that you may eat, and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.

For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands.

He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.

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Deuteronomy 2:14-15

And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them. For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the camp, until they had perished.

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For **indeed the hand of the LORD
was against them,**

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to destroy them from the camp, **until they**
had perished.

How did Moses counsel them?

He reminded them of God's sovereignty.

**He reminded them
of God's power.**

Remember those Anakim?

Deuteronomy 2:10-12

The Emim formerly lived there,
a people great and many, and tall **as the Anakim...**

The Horites also lived in Seir formerly...

Deuteronomy 2:20

Rephaim formerly lived there—
but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim—
a people great and many, and tall **as the Anakim;**

God has power over them!

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Deuteronomy 2:20

Rephaim formerly lived there—
but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim—
a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim;

but the LORD destroyed them...

Remember Sihon?

Deuteronomy 2:32-34

Then Sihon came out against us,
he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz.
And the LORD our God gave him over to us,
and we defeated him and his sons and all his people.
And we captured all his cities at that time...

Deuteronomy 2:32-34

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How did Moses counsel them?

He reminded them of God's sovereignty.

He reminded them of God's power.

**He reminded them
of God's faithfulness.**

God was faithful to others:

(2:5) I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

(2:9) I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession

(2:19) I have given [the territory of Ammon]
to the sons of Lot for a possession

God had been faithful to them:

He had delivered them from the hand of Pharaoh.

He had carried them as sons through the wilderness.

He had blessed all the work of their hands;
they lacked for nothing.

He had kept His promise to destroy the wicked generation.

He had defeated Sihon and all his armies.

He had defeated Og and all his armies.

Deuteronomy 2:7

These forty years the LORD your God
has been with you.

And He will be with you!

Matthew 28:20

...and behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.

Preparing for Trials

Why did they need counsel?

How did Moses counsel them?

**How would they put this
counsel to practice?**



How would they overcome?

By dwelling on these truths.

Deuteronomy 7:18

...you shall not be afraid of them
but you shall remember what the LORD
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Deuteronomy 8:2

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD
your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 7:18

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your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

Deuteronomy 8:2

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your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness.

Biblical remembrance is not
simply an act of recall...

It is intentional engagement in
focused and purposeful thought.

Psalm 77:11-12

I shall remember the deeds of the LORD;
Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
I will meditate on all Your work,
And muse on Your deeds.

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Begin to take possession...

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Faith is not finished until you
put it into practice the truths
you've remembered.

How have you been preparing
for the temptations that your trials
are going to present you?

**Did you know that you
have an advantage!**

**You have the fullness
of the gospel!**