

Walking in Victory: Trusting God's Power Over the Enemy

Deuteronomy 7 – A Call to Radical Obedience and Trust

When God brings you into the place He has promised—the place of victory, the place of growth—you will face opposition. There will be **strongholds bigger and stronger than you**, enemies that seem impossible to overcome. But **God Himself will go before you**, driving them out and giving you the victory.

However, there's a warning: **Don't compromise.**

- Don't make peace with the sin God calls you to defeat.
- Don't form alliances with anything that will pull you away from Him.
- Don't tolerate what He has commanded you to remove.

God told Israel not to make covenants with the nations around them, not to intermarry with them, because their influence would turn their hearts away from Him. In the same way, we must be careful **not to align our lives with things that weaken our devotion to Christ**. Relationships, habits, entertainment, ambitions—**anything that competes for God's place in our hearts must be surrendered to Him.**

God's Love for You is Not Based on Your Strength

God reminds Israel that He didn't choose them because they were powerful or numerous. In fact, they were **small and weak** compared to the nations around them. But **He chose them because He loved them and because He is faithful to His promises.**

The same is true for us. **God didn't choose us because we were strong, perfect, or deserving.** He chose us because of His **grace**. He saved us **not because of what we could offer Him**, but because of **His love and His faithfulness.**

God's Covenant and Our Response

God made a covenant with His people: **If they obeyed Him, He would bless them abundantly.**

- He would multiply them.
- He would bless their land, their families, and their work.
- He would protect them from disease and hardship.

This doesn't mean life would always be easy, but it does mean that **obedience brings blessing**. When we follow God's ways, we walk in the **fullness of His plan for our lives**. Many of the struggles we face come from **compromising on God's standards**, choosing what seems easy rather than what is right.

No Fear – Remember What God Has Done

God anticipated that Israel might feel afraid, saying,
"These enemies are too strong for us! How can we possibly overcome them?"

But God reminded them: **"Remember what I did to Pharaoh and the Egyptians."**

When we face challenges, when sin or fear threatens to overwhelm us, we need to do the same:

- **Remember** what God has already done for you.
- **Remember** the battles He has already won.
- **Remember** how He has carried you through difficult seasons.

God promises to **drive out our enemies little by little**. Sometimes we want instant victory, but God knows that growth takes time. If He removed all our struggles overnight, we wouldn't learn to trust Him. **Spiritual battles are won step by step, one decision at a time.**

The Danger of Idols

God warns His people not to take **anything from the enemy's camp**—not their images, not their gold, not their possessions. Everything that belonged to those nations was **cursed**, and if Israel took it, they would bring a curse into their own homes.

How often do we **hold on to things God has told us to remove**?

- Unhealthy relationships
- Compromising entertainment
- Pride, bitterness, or resentment
- Secret sins

God calls us to **destroy anything that keeps us from wholehearted devotion to Him**. If we cling to what God has commanded us to remove, we allow those things to become **a snare**—traps that weaken our faith and hinder our spiritual growth.

The Call to Total Surrender

Moses was preparing the people to enter the land. **There was no room for hesitation, fear, or compromise**. They had to **trust God completely** and **walk forward in obedience**.

The same is true for us. **God is calling us to take new ground in our lives**. He is leading us into **deeper faith, greater obedience, and stronger trust in Him**. But to move forward, we must be willing to:

- **Destroy the idols** in our hearts.
- **Reject compromise** and worldly influences.

- **Walk in obedience** to His commands.
- **Trust Him completely, even when we feel weak.**

The question is: **Will we obey?**

God has set us apart **as His people**, chosen by grace, called to live in victory. But victory only comes when we **fully surrender** to Him.

Final Reflection

- Are there areas in your life where you are compromising with sin instead of removing it completely?
- Have you allowed fear to keep you from trusting God's promises?
- Are you holding on to anything that God has told you to let go of?

God is calling you **to a deeper, more victorious walk with Him**. Trust Him, obey Him, and step into the **fullness of His promises**.