

Study Guide for September 21st, 2003. Series: Such Good Lives. Deut. 2:1-23 - Boundaries & Signposts.

Introduction: Describe a time in your life when you came to realize that God indeed was directing and providing, even though you were largely unaware of his hand upon you.

- I. "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Read through Deut. 2:1-23 and note . . .
 - A. What words or phrases recount the fact that God was directing his people?
 - B. What words or phrases recount the fact that God was instructing his people?
 - C. What words or phrases recount the fact that God was providing for his people?
 - D. What words come to your mind when you consider God's faithfulness to his **unfaithful** people?
- II. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." Note how God instructs Israel to deal with . . .
 - A. Esau (his descendants - also called Edomites in the land of Seir): (see vs. 4-6)
 - B. The Moabites (the descendants of Lot in the land of Ar): (see vs. 9)
 - C. The Ammonites (also descendants of Lot in the land by Moab): (see vs. 19)
 - D. Why do you think God **prohibited** Israel from fighting these people? What can we learn from these examples of God's providence? (see Mt. 5:45, Acts 14:15-18, and 17:24-28)
- III. "The Lord will drive out nations . . . larger and stronger than you."
 - A. How and from whom did the Moabites acquire their land? (see vs. 10-12)
 - B. How and from whom did the Ammonites and Edomites acquire their land? (see vs. 20-23)
 - C. What should Israel learn from these historical examples? What should we learn?
- IV. "Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did."
 - A. How long from the time Israel left Kadesh Barnea until they crossed the Zered Valley? (vs. 14)
 - B. What happened during this time period? What lessons should be learned from this?
 - C. Reflect on the following statement, "The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast desert. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything." How has that been true for you?