

Deuteronomy 1:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

Analysis

The command to 'go in and possess the land' couples divine gift with human action. God promises to give the land, but Israel must actively claim it through faith and obedience. The verb 'yarash' (possess/inherit) implies both receiving and occupying—a pattern throughout Scripture where God's sovereignty partners with human responsibility. Faith isn't passive but actively appropriates what God has promised.

Historical Context

This command came after 40 years of wilderness wandering due to the previous generation's unbelief at Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 13-14). The new generation must learn from their fathers' failure and trust God's promise despite formidable obstacles.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What promises of God require your active faith and obedience to possess?

2. How do you balance trusting God's sovereignty with taking appropriate action?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	אֶלָּכֶם	בְּאַתֶּם	עַד	רַبָּרַבָּה
And I said	H413	unto you	Ye are come	H5704
		H935		H2022
אֲמֹרְךָ	אֲשֶׁר	יְהִי	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	נָתַת
of the Amorites	H834	which the LORD	our God	doth give
		H3068	H430	H5414

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