

Deuteronomy 3:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

Analysis

Moses' specific request—"I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan"—expresses humble petitionary prayer. Describing it as 'that goodly mountain, and Lebanon' shows Moses' genuine appreciation for the land's beauty and God's promise. The phrase 'I pray thee' demonstrates that even after 40 years of intimate communion with God, Moses approached Him with reverence and humility. True intimacy with God never presumes.

Historical Context

Moses' desire to see 'that goodly mountain' likely refers to Mount Zion/Jerusalem, future site of the temple. Lebanon's cedars and mountains represented the northern beauty of the Promised Land. Moses wanted to see the full fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham, not from distance but through personal experience.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What godly desires do you persistently bring to God even when answers seem delayed?
2. How do you maintain humble reverence in prayer despite growing intimacy with God?

Interlinear Text

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I pray thee let me go over	H4994	and see	H853	land	that goodly	H834
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that is beyond	Jordan	mountain	that goodly	H2088	and Lebanon	
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