

Deuteronomy 3:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

Analysis

God's alternative provision—'Get thee up into the top of Pisgah'—offers Moses something rather than nothing. Though he couldn't enter, he could see the land from 'westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward.' The comprehensive view from Pisgah allowed Moses to witness the fulfillment of God's promise, even if he couldn't personally possess it. God's grace provides meaningful alternatives when our first choice isn't His will.

Historical Context

Mount Pisgah (or Nebo) in the Abarim range offered panoramic views of Canaan from Transjordan. From this vantage point, Moses could see the Mediterranean coast, northern Lebanon, southern Negev, and Jordan valley. This gracious provision let Moses visually confirm God's faithfulness before his death.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How has God provided meaningful alternatives when your first choice wasn't possible?
2. What perspective does God want to give you that compensates for what you cannot have?

Interlinear Text

וְמֹה בְּעֵינِ יְבָנֶךָ עַל הָרֶאשׁ בְּפִסְגָּה הַלְּשׁוֹן אֶלְעָלָה

Get thee up into the top of Pisgah and lift up it with thine eyes westward

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כִּי בְּעֵינِ יְבָנֶךָ וְרָאָה וּמִזְבֵּחַ וּמִימַּדְנָה וְצָפֵןָה

and northward and southward and eastward and behold it with thine eyes

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לֹא תַּעֲבֹר רִאשׁוֹת הַרְדֵּן פְּרָדֵן

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for thou shalt not go over

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this Jordan

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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 27:12 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.