

Judges 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

Analysis

God's deliverance extended beyond military conquest to psychological victory—"I delivered you out of the hand of all your oppressors." The phrase 'drave them out from before you' emphasizes God's active agency; Israel didn't conquer through superior strategy but through divine power. The land gift—"gave you their land"—wasn't earned but graciously bestowed according to Abrahamic covenant promises. This establishes the basis for God's following rebuke: such extraordinary grace should have produced grateful obedience, yet Israel responded with idolatry.

Historical Context

The peoples Israel displaced included the seven Canaanite nations listed in Deuteronomy 7:1. Each posed distinct threats: Amorites (mountain dwellers), Hittites (remnants of the once-great Anatolian empire), Jebusites (controlling Jerusalem), and others. God's driving out these nations fulfilled patriarchal promises (Genesis 15:18-21) and demonstrated His sovereign control over world history to accomplish redemptive purposes.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does understanding salvation as entirely God's work ('I delivered') guard against works-righteousness and self-reliance?
2. What promised 'land' has God given you in Christ, and how should this possession transform your life?
3. Why does receiving great grace often fail to produce corresponding gratitude, and how can this be overcome?

Interlinear Text

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כָּל H3605	לְחֹצִיךְ of all that oppressed H3905	וְאֶגְרֶשׁ you and drave them out H1644	אֹתָם H853	מִפְּנֵיךְ from before H6440
וְאֶתַּנָּה you and gave H5414	לְךָ H0	אֶת H853	אֶרְצָם you their land H776	

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