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Eradicating Idolatry Deuteronomy 2:16-3:11

Series: Possessing the Promises of God - Learning from the Past,
Leaning into the Future

Central Passage

Deuteronomy 2:24–25 (ESV) — **24** 'Rise up, set out on your journey and go over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. **Begin to take possession, and contend with him in battle.** **25** This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

Context

Idolatry: Placing our ultimate dependence and affection on someone or something other than God.

Central Thought: To possess the promises of God we must be willing to aggressively and decisively part with anyone or eradicate anything that would lead us away from our dependence on and affection of God.

❖ God is Sovereign (Deut. 2:24-25; 30-34; 3:1-3)

Romans 9:20–23 (ESV) — **20** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" **21** Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? **22** What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **23** in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory...

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Romans 1:24–25 (ESV) — **24** Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (See also Romans 1:18-25)

❖ God is Patient (Deut. 2:26-29)

Genesis 15:13–16 (ESV) — **13** Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. **14** But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. **16** And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, **for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.**"

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) — **9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, **but is patient toward you**, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (See also Genesis 18:16-33-Sodom & Gomorrah; Ezekiel 18:23; Jonah 4:1-3)

❖ God is Just

Psalm 9:7–10 (ESV) — **7** But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, **8** and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. **9** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Romans 3:25–26 (NIV) — **25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—**26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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