

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW TO FUNCTION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

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PART 9A: ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

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- After 38 years in the wilderness, the last of the adults coming out of Egypt had died, and God began to position the new generation to enter the Promised Land. **Deuteronomy 2:13-16**
- God gave them specific directions on what to do and what not to do. This generation had learned a hard lesson, disobey God and die! They took no chances, they obeyed. **Verses 17-29**
- There was one king who was like Pharaoh, his heart had been hardened, and God sentenced this whole nation to be exterminated! **Verses 30-37**

GOD IS LOVE AND JUDGMENT

When people read about God's judgments in the Bible, a question immediately arises:

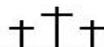
"If God is a God of love, how can he command the slaughter of whole nations, including women and children?"

The answer to this is not pleasant to hear, but truth is truth. God is a holy God, he cannot tolerate sin and sooner or later judgment will fall on people who sin! God is not sentimental, look at these Bible verses:

- The nations living in the land of Canaan lived a life of iniquity and God told Abraham that in due time judgment would fall. **Genesis 15:12-18**
- The sin of the people in Sodom and Gomorrah became so great that God had only one option, kill them all in judgment and move them to hell! **Genesis 18:20-22, 19:23-25**
- About 1000 years after God had brought Israel into the Promised Land, their sin was so great that the judgment of death came again (**Ezekiel 9:1-11**). The angels carrying out this assignment were told to have no pity upon the people they executed!
- At the end of the Tribulation Period, Jesus is going to have all unbelievers slain and taken to hell! There will be no pity or mercy! **Revelation 19:11-21**
- The final judgment of death from God will come at the end of the 1000 years kingdom. **Revelation 20:7-9**
- However, the most terrible judgment is still to come, when all unsaved dead people shall be raised from the dead, judged at the Great White Throne Judgment Seat and then sent to be tormented for ever and ever in the Lake of Fire! **Revelation 20:10-13**

DISOBEYING GOD AND FACING THE CONSEQUENCES

- Moses pleaded with God about His judgment against Moses of not allowing him into the Promised Land, but God said no, and not bring the issue up



again. God's decision was final and there was nothing more to talk about.
Deuteronomy 3:21-29

- God stressed the importance for the Israelites to know and obey the commandments they had received in order to be able to keep the Promised Land. **Deuteronomy 4:1-22**
- Do not forget the commandments. **Verse 23**
- God is a jealous God. **Verse 24**
- God knew in advance the children of Israel would in the future corrupt themselves, but God still warned them and told them of the great judgments he had planned against them. **Verses 25-28**

WHY DO YOU EXIST?

- As the children were ready to enter the Promised Land, most of them had no clue why God was giving them the land or what their purpose was in life. Instead all they could think about was getting a piece of land, starting families, making a good living and enjoying life on earth. Even though it was beyond their capacity to understand, God revealed to them that their descendants would receive the Son of God (which happened some 2000 years later), and that He would walk in their midst as he was getting ready to become the sacrificial lamb to pay for the sins of mankind! **Verses 29-40**
- Did it make any difference in their lives? Not really!
- Do you have any clue why you exist and have been saved?
- This is something we should be praying about. **Colossians 1:9-14**

Do you really care or are you like the children of Israel; are you God conscious or is your focus on earthly matters?

Do you have an ear to hear with?