

I. God Gives A Word of Commission (Deuteronomy 9:1-3)

A. Understand your mission (9:1a) “Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves...”

B. Know your enemy (9:1b-2) - “...cities great and fortified up to heaven, 2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, Who can stand before the sons of Anak?”

C. Believe that God is for you (9:3) - “Know therefore today that He who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the Lord your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the Lord has promised you.”

II. God Gives A Word of Courage (Deuteronomy 20:1-4)

A. We see trouble at a distance (20:1) - “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” **Again, notice that this is an offensive assault, not a defensive response**

B. We encounter trouble up close (20:2-3) - “When you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people 3 and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them...”

C. We hear our trouble addressed (20:4) - “...for the Lord your God is He who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.”