Possessing God's Promises

Deuteronomy 11:10-24

Deuteronomy 6:23 (NIV84) "...He brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that He promised on oath to our forefathers."

We can count on God's **PROVISION**.

Deuteronomy 11:10–11 (NIV84) "The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. ¹¹ But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven."

□ 1 Kings 20:28 (NIV84) "The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, "This is what the LORD says: 'Because the Arameans think the LORD is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the LORD."

We can count on God's PRESENCE.

Deuteronomy 11:12–15 (NIV84) "It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end. ¹³ So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul— ¹⁴ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. ¹⁵ I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied."

Deuteronomy 3:25–26 (NLT) "Please let me cross the Jordan to see the wonderful land on the other side, the beautiful hill country and the Lebanon mountains.' ²⁶ "But the LORD was angry with me because of you, and He would not listen to me. 'That's enough!' He declared. 'Speak of it no more." Matthew 22:36–37 (NIV84) "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

□ 2 Chronicles 16:9a (NASB) "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."

We can count on God's **PROTECTION**.

Deuteronomy 11:16–21 (NIV84) "Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. ¹⁷ Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and He will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. ¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth."

Hebrews 2:1 (NIV84) "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

Deuteronomy 11:22–24a (NIV84) "If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to hold fast to Him— ²³ then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. ²⁴ Every place where you set your foot will be yours..."

Digging Deeper: The beginning of a new year brings an opportunity for a new beginning—what do you need to begin believing? Which of God's three promises we discussed today do you struggle with the most? Before the Children of Israel crossed the Promised Land, Moses reminded them of God's care for them. –As you enter a new year, who does God want you to remind?