Gleanings from the Pentateuch

"Permission to Enter Denied"
Deuteronomy 3:23-29

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Moses' Plea

"I also pleaded with the Lord at that time, saying,
'O Lord God, You have begun to show your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?

Let me, I pray, cross over and see the fair land that is beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.'"

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

God's Response

"But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me; and the Lord said to me, 'Enough! Speak to me no more on this matter.

Go up on top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him, for he shall go across and at the head of this people, and he shall give them as an inheritance the land which you will see."

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Implications

1. God's Holiness

- Moses' death outside the land would witness to the reality of God's judgment

- God's holiness is uncompromised *(makes His mercy so amazing!)*

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Implications

2. Costliness of Sin

- Sin forfeits life, blessing and true enjoyment

- The temporal penalty/consequence of sin may be lifelong

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Implications:

3. Unfulfilled Desires

- Good/godly desires may often go unfulfilled by God in this age

- There is something greater at stake than our temporal satisfaction – the reputation of God

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Implications:

4. God's Word

- It is vain to plead with God in contradiction to His revealed Word

- God's Word is final *and good!*

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Essential Implication

➢ *It directs us forward to Christ*

1. One greater than Moses, who never fails, must come to secure our inheritance

2. Moses is a type of Messiah in his suffering and death on "account of" the people