

# **SERIES: WHEN YES IS YOUR ANSWER**

**Part 2:** An Unmerited Grace

**Base Text:** Deuteronomy 9:1-6

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Unmerited-Grace, grace undeserved.

NT preferred to us as mercy because it includes the idea of the divine power which equips a man to live a holy life. Here's the idea – it doesn't become real until we put grace into action with our faith.

Israel should've never been allowed into the promise land but because of God's grace and He always keeps His promises, which is another display of His grace, the Israelites entered into the promise land.

Grace-words

## **TALKPOINTS:**

### **Deuteronomy 9:1-6**

**“Listen, O Israel!**

*Any good pastor must comment on the “listen” if your text begins with it because faith comes from hearing. Moses wants the Israelites to give God their undivided spiritual attention. Does God have your undivided spiritual attention today?*

Today you are about to cross the Jordan River to take over the land belonging to nations much greater and more powerful than you. They live in cities with walls that reach to the sky! <sup>2</sup>The people are strong and tall—descendants of the famous Anakite giants. You've heard the saying, 'Who can stand up to the Anakites?' <sup>3</sup>But recognize today that the Lord your God is the one who will cross over ahead of you like a devouring fire to destroy them. He will subdue them so that you will quickly conquer them and drive them out, just as the Lord has promised.

<sup>4</sup>“After the Lord your God has done this for you, don't say in your hearts, 'The Lord has given us this land because we are such good people!' No, it is because of the wickedness of the other nations that he is pushing them out of your way. <sup>5</sup>It is not because you are so good or have such integrity that you are about to occupy their land. The Lord your God will drive these nations out ahead of you only because of their wickedness, and to fulfill the oath he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>6</sup>You must recognize that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land because you are good, for you are not— you are a stubborn people.

# Unmerited Provisions

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The Israelites have a sizeable opponent in their way and sizeable is an accurate statement because they Anakites were large people much like Goliath.

I love Moses because he doesn't sugarcoat the situation. He tells them what's in front of them. I think that's a sign of good leadership. I think we sugarcoat things too often. We can learn a valuable lesson in this for parenting, relationships, as an employer to be honest about what's coming but also a place to see God's grace be glorified.

- **God provides in the places of intimidation.**

- The Jordan River, Walls of Jericho, the Anakite giants...all intimidating factors but instances of God's unmerited provisions.
- Being intimidated by our circumstance is a natural reaction, it just can't change the action of our faith.
- **Many of have learned this, that what appears to insurmountable to mankind is of no consequence to God. He is the devouring fire.**

- **Benchmarks don't exist with God's grace.**

- We're not allowed to set a standard or measuring point to His grace. We set benchmarks to many parts of lives. Benchmarks aren't bad thing but they can become a hindrance if we allow them too. The Anakites became a benchmark of evaluating size to Israelites. They're intimidating stature became of proverb. "Who can stand up to the Anakites?"
- **God's grace wasn't going to stop at with the Anakites.** I repeat this message often enough for us to clearly understand that God's grace is sufficient for each our needs and there isn't a benchmark of His grace for our lives.

# Unmerited Protection

I think one of the scariest moments that can happen to a kid is being chased by a dog while riding your bike. You quickly become Lance Armstrong when you have a crazy dog chasing you down.

Being chased by a dog is one thing, but being chased down from an army is another. Red Sea dried up, but then it swallowed up!

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- Take unmerited grace personal.

Romans 11:6

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Moses wasn't going to let anything or anyone take the title of victory.

- Victory titles don't belong to people they belong to God.
  - May it be manna falling from Heaven, walls falling, or giants in front of you it's God's grace that defeats what is in front of you.
  - Don't let people rob you of your grace. When you've been blessed and you have an opportunity to give God the glory do it!

- The true essence of God's protection is the eternal indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22

<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

# Unmerited Promises

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It's clear the people don't merit this entry into their promise but God's oath will be kept and will always be kept.

## 1st Corinthians 15:10

<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

- **What are you today -- successful, happy, gifted, alive?** It's His grace we're blessed. I don't think this hard for the Christian to believe but I do believe it needs to be a reminder of what we are is because of His grace.

## Ephesians 1:7

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us.

- **Salvation through His grace and grace continues as we live our lives.**

## CLOSING

Unmerited Protection...God protects what His and will continue to do so.

Unmerited Provisions...Who provides for you? He does our actions only display His goodness and mercy to our lives.

Unmerited Promises...Either those to come or those that have yet to be spoken will come to pass. Ask God to remind you of your promises. Seek Him and find those today.