



## ENJOYING THE GOOD LIFE "Relating to the Lord (Y)our God" Deuteronomy 1:6-46

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When Moses gave his "marching orders" address to the children of Israeli as they prepared to enter the Promised Land, he emphasized the importance of their relationship with God. Notice how often he used the expression "the Lord (y)our God."

### I. Recognizing the Lord (Y)our God.

#### A. His character.

1. Lord = "Jehovah" = Self-existent one. Exodus 3:12-15
2. God = "Elohim" = Sovereignty. (Note: pl. of "El")
3. Sovereign = "Adonai" = Majesty. (Note: pl. of "Adon")

#### B. His covenant—"Lord (y)our God."

Note: "God of your fathers" (v. 11); "Swore he would give..." v. 8

1. God's covenant with Noah. Genesis 9:9f
  - a. "Never again..."
  - b. Rainbow.
2. God's covenant with Abram. Genesis 15:18-19
  - a. "I give this land," etc.
  - b. "Abram believed."
3. God's covenant with Moses (Israel). Exodus 19:3f
  - a. "My treasured possession," etc.
  - b. "We will obey."
4. God's new covenant promise to Jeremiah. Jeremiah 31:31f
  - a. "I will be their God," etc.
  - b. "They will know me."

Note: Similarity to Suzerain/Vassal treaties.

### II. Responding to the Lord (Y)our God.

- A. They rebelled against the Lord. v. 26
- B. Realize it must be possessed.
- C. Resist tendency to be afraid.
- D. Refuse to be discouraged.

### III. Resisting the Lord (Y)our God.

- A. They rebelled against the Lord. v. 26
- B. They resented the challenge of the Lord. v. 27
- C. They refused to trust the Lord. v. 32
  1. He fought for you. v. 30
  2. He carried you. v. 31
  3. He led you. v. 33
- D. They resisted the servants of the Lord. vv. 36-37
- E. They received the consequences from the Lord. v. 35