

## IT'S TIME TO BREAK CAMP

**TEXT:** (Deuteronomy 1:6-8)

<sup>6</sup>The LORD our God said to us at Horeb, “You have stayed long enough at this mountain. <sup>7</sup>Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates. <sup>8</sup>See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them.”

### I. THE LAND IS BEFORE YOU

#### A. It's Time to Advance

1. “The LORD our God said to us at Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Break camp and advance’” (Deuteronomy 1:6-7).

#### B. Given by God

1. “See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them” (Deuteronomy 1:8)
2. “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared” (Exodus 23:20).
3. “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out” (Exodus 23:20-23).
4. “Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces” (Exodus 23:24).
5. “I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land” (Exodus 23:27-30).

### II. CAMPED IN THE DESERT OF SIN

1. “They left the Red Sea and camped in the Desert of Sin” (Numbers 33:11).

#### A. The Same Old Sin

1. “We ate fish in Egypt—and got it free!—to say nothing of the cucumbers and melons, the leeks and onions and garlic. But nothing tastes good out here; all we get is manna, manna, manna” (Numbers 11:6, MSG).

**B. The Land Is Yours**

1. “See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them” (Deuteronomy 1:8).

**C. Let Us Purify Ourselves**

1. “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.’ ‘I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.’  
“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God” (II Corinthians 6:17-7:1).

**III. CAMPED IN THE LAND OF NOD**

1. “So Cain went out from the LORD’S presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden” (Genesis 4:16).

**A. It’s Time to Get Out of the Land of Nod**

1. “And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Romans 13:11).
2. Jesus declared, “For many are called, but few are chosen” (Matthew 22:14, KJV).
3. “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says” (Exodus 23:20-21).

**B. Behold; God is Calling You!**

1. “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20, KJV).
2. “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’” (Matthew 22:37, NIV).

**C. What Could I Do?**

1. “What is that in your hand” (Exodus 4:2, NIV)?
2. “So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world” (James 4:7-8, NLT).

**CONCLUSION**

1. Some have been living in the Wilderness of Sin, and others in the Land of Nod.
  - a. “Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food” (Hebrews 5:12)!