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LESSONS FROM THE PAGES OF DEUTERONOMY

“And He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in and give us the land that He swore to give to our fathers.”

- Deuteronomy 6:23 (ESV)

PART ONE: How to Sing a “ Song of the Good Land .”
(Deuteronomy 8:7-10)

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land , a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. (ESV)

Consider 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 out of *The NET Bible*.

Perhaps we could call this the “ Sign of a Good Land.”

“I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God that was given to you in Christ Jesus. For you were made rich in every way in Him, in all your speech and in every kind of knowledge – just as the testimony about Christ has been confirmed among you – so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Contrast the phrase “fed you with manna” in V.3 with “a land of wheat” in V.8.

Excerpt from the *JPS Torah Commentary* concerning V.3: “According to Exodus, the term means essentially ‘ whatch’macallit .’ The Israelites called it this because when they first saw it they asked ‘what is it?’ (see Exod. 16:15, 31).

The very name thus expresses its unprecedented character.” (The JPS Torah Commentary, *Deuteronomy*, J.H. Tigay, p.93; Jewish Publication Society, 1996)

Also contrast Deuteronomy 8:9b and Exodus 3:20-22.

PART TWO: How to Have a Bad Time in a Good Land

V.2 “And you shall remember ...”

V.11 “Take care lest you forget ...”

V.14 “then your heart be lifted up, and you forget ...”

V.18 “You shall remember ...”

V.19 “And if you forget ...”

