

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

TRUST and OBEY

Deuteronomy 29: 29

1. **Threshold Challenges**

Israel on the plains of Moab, looking across the Jordan to Canaan –

Play it “safe” – as their fathers did in the wilderness?

Or go forward to conquer the Promised Land?

The baby church in Jerusalem -

Return to the comfort and safety of their former lives?

Or go forward with the Great Commission into the world?

And we?

2. **Deciding Consideration: Not human sight & wisdom**

Israel in Moab –

Facing Jericho & all the other fortified cities of Canaan,

With their professional armies, chariot corps, etc.

Why not settle down peacefully on the land they have already

Conquered east of the Jordan? Play it safe.

That is what their parents did 40 years earlier. Results?

Apostles - could think:

“The authorities killed Jesus at the height of His popularity.

Won't they just turn against us too? Who are we to oppose them?

Why not return to the life we had before – our homes, jobs,

families and friends? Much safer that way.”

And we?

3. **The Deciding Considerations: God's promises & commands**

God's gift to Israel & to us: **Deuteronomy 29:29**

The context: promises & warning of future blessings & curses -

“If you love and obey the Lord ...” or do not.

Point: Don't try to figure out God's secret plans for the future

so as to make “safe” decisions.

Concern yourselves with just this:

Doing what God says in His revealed Word

and resting on what He has promised

while looking always to Christ our Lord

who followed that same path to be our Savior –

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Originator & Perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1,2