

# Deuteronomy

## The One and Only

### Study 6 – Grace!

#### Introduction

At first glance, the title *grace* for a study on Deuteronomy 9 & 10 may seem rather odd for the first thing that strikes the reader of these chapters is the repeated reminder to Israel of their sinfulness as a nation. Whatever the reason for the conquest and gift of the land, one thing is clear – it was emphatically **not** because of Israel's righteousness. Moses words to Israel in 9:24 sum it up: "you have been rebellious against the LORD ever since I have known you!" Hard words perhaps, but given Israel's history recorded in this section, true words.

And yet as we pause to think about it, the emphasis on Israel's rebellion is exactly what we would expect in a chapter which is all about grace. For as we shall see, Moses' aim in this part of his sermon was not to discourage Israel but to encourage them with the fact that the LORD had remained faithful to them, despite their appalling track record. In short Moses aim was to remind them that where their sin had abounded God's grace had abounded all the more, even to the fact of turning away from His righteous wrath and indignation and renewing rather than discarding His covenant with them. Thus we are reminded again that the covenant at Sinai was indeed a covenant of grace based on the LORD's faithfulness to His promises, not a covenant of works based upon Israel's works of faithfulness to the LORD.

#### Read Deuteronomy 9:1-10:11



#### Investigate

1. What were the Israelites to be assured about as they prepared to enter the land?  
(9:1-3)



6. According to these chapters, why did Israel survive as a people and enter the Promised Land? (see 9:26-29; 10:10)



### **Think**

1. In what way can we apply the LORD's dealings with Israel to His dealings with us today?
2. Moses' role within this passage is that of mediator and intercessor. Where do we find the New Testament equivalent?
3. What lessons can we as Christians learn from these chapters?

## Apply



In what way has this passage informed or challenged your thinking?



In what way has this passage spoken to your heart?



What needs to change in your daily life as a result of this study?