

March 13 Answers

- 1) Moses' First Sermon (Deut 3–4: Remember the past). Moses finished his review of Israel's recent history, emphasizing how God had delivered Og of Bashan into their hand. This teaches us that the key to facing the future without fear is to **remember** what God has done in the past (Deut 3:21–22). Moses then urged the people to obey God's commands and follow His leadership. He warned the people not to **forget**: "Take care...lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen" (Deut 4:9). He also commanded them to tell their **children** and **grandchildren** what they had experienced. This teaches us the importance of **documenting** God's grace in our lives and **sharing** the lessons we've learned with our family. Moses then warned Israel that they would be **exiled** from the land if they forsook Yahweh and worshipped other gods. This teaches us that we can expect to be **disciplined** for sin. God's discipline is designed to motivate us to repent and return to Him. Moses then challenged the people to **meditate** on what God had done: "Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of?" (Deut 4:32 NIV). He wanted them to think about the **implications** of God's mighty deeds, namely, that there is no other god but Yahweh (Deut 4:39). This knowledge would produce the only proper **response**: obedience to His commands (Deut 4:40).