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Inspection: What Does It Say?

According to verse 3, what promise had God given to Moses?

What promise did God give to Joshua in verse 5?

What two benefits did God say would happen if they meditated on the Book of the Law?

What command had Moses given to the Reubenites, Gadites and half-tribe of Manasseh?

According to verse 18, what would happen to those who rebelled against God's Word?

Observation: What Does It Mean?

How do we know when God calls us to move into promised territory?

Moses is referred to as a "servant" in verses 2 and 7. Why is this an important notation?

How does the phrase "right or to the left" in verse 7 carry modern-day thinking?

What is the best way according to this verse?

Who are the "forefathers" mentioned in verse 6? When did God swear the land to them?

What does meditation on God's Word look like?

Life Application: What Does It Mean For Me?

Identify areas in your life in which you need to be strong and courageous. Seek God's help.

Write a note to someone struggling to be strong and courageous.

Locate on a map and determine the distance between Jericho and Bethlehem.

Why is this significant?

As seen in verse 3, pray that wherever you "set your foot" you will prosper for God.

Read verse 14. Consider how you are helping your brothers in Christ to fight their battles.

Meditation: What Does God Say?

2 Timothy 1:7

Deuteronomy 31:6

Psalms 31:23-24

1 Corinthians 16:13

Psalms 27:14

Isaiah 12:2

Proverbs 28:1

John 16:33

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

THE HILL DIFFICULTY

I beheld, then, that they all went on till they came to the foot of the Hill Difficulty; at the bottom of which was a spring. There were also in the same place two other ways besides that which came straight from the gate; one turned to the left hand, and the other to the right, at the bottom of the hill; but the narrow way lay right up the hill, and the name of the going up the side of the hill is called Difficulty. Christian now went to the spring, and drank thereof, to refresh himself, and then began to go up the hill, saying—

"The hill, though high, I covet to ascend,
The difficulty will not me offend;
For I perceive the way to life lies here.
Come, pluck up heart, let's neither faint nor fear;
Better, though difficult, the right way to go,
Than wrong, though easy, where the end is woe."

The other two also came to the foot of the hill; but when they saw that the hill was steep and high, and that there were two other ways to go, and supposing also that these two ways might meet again, with that up which Christian went, on the other side of the hill, therefore they were resolved to go in those ways. Now the name of one of these ways was Danger, and the name of the other Destruction. So the one took the way which is called Danger, which led him into a great wood, and the other took directly up the way to Destruction, which led him into a wide field, full of dark mountains, where he stumbled and fell, and rose no more.

"Shall they who wrong begin yet rightly end?
Shall they at all have safety for their friend?
No, no; in headstrong manner they set out,
And headlong will they fall at last no doubt."

I looked, then, after Christian, to see him go up the hill, where I perceived he fell from running to going, and from going to clambering upon his hands and his knees, because of the steepness of the place. Now, about the midway to the top of the hill was a Pleasant Arbor, made by the Lord of the hill for the refreshing of weary travelers.

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