

2019 May 21 Livingston thoughts and update

There is no end to the treasures in the Word of God! I am reading in Deuteronomy, and found something I had not seen before in chapter 3, verse 13. *“And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I [Moses] unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.”* Forty years earlier, the spies returned with reports of giants in the land (Numbers 13:32,33), and fears that their wives and children would be captured as prey (14:3). Now those children have taken over “the land of giants” before they have crossed the Jordan River and entered Canaan. It is a good reminder to me to obey God, no matter what circumstances look like, because He is in control.

I am intrigued by Moses’ comment in verse 24 (*“O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand...”*). Moses had known God “up close and personal” for forty years, seen as much of His glory as he could physically tolerate (Exodus 33:21-23), and talked with Him face to face (Numbers 12:8, Deuteronomy 34:10), and yet he says he has only begun to see God’s greatness. How can anyone think that heaven will be boring? The redeemed will glorify the infinite God as they see His glory, bless Him for the blessings He has bestowed in Jesus, and finally be free from sin and enter into the close relationship our Heavenly Father has promised to His children—forever. Wow!

I just talked with my worker in Haiti. Conditions sound very much like they were in 2004. Then, there was violence throughout the country, supplies were hard to get, and murder was frequent. Now, those who are lawless have spread out from the capital, and are especially active in the central part of the country.

I remember encountering a truckload of *chimères* (brigands) on the last trip to the airport near Pignon in 2004. We needed medications, and this was the last opportunity to get those from the states. The men were armed with automatic weapons and looking for money. God gave grace and the right words to deal with them on that occasion. It looks like this time God has kept me in the US so I will not need to face lawless people. If this situation continues, I will probably need to move my return date again.

Thank you for praying with me about wisdom concerning a return date, and for praying for the needs for the Haitian people and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

In our Lord’s service,

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