

The Place I Want to Live

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Deu 11:10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

Deu 11:11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

Deu 11:12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

In this chapter and, more specifically, these verses, Moses clearly portrays the certain contrast between Egypt and the Promised Land.

First of all, this land is not like the land of Egypt. Egypt is flat and arid. Rainfall is basically non-existent. They depended upon the Nile to overflow its banks to inundate some fields. They had to carry water, dig irrigation ditches, and tread foothills to get water to the needed places. Most of Egypt gets less than .5” of rain annually.

But, Canaan land is not flat. It is a land of hills and valleys. It is attractive. It has deserts, plains, hills, valleys, ravines, caves, olive trees, vineyards, snow-capped mountains, fruit, and fertile soil. And specifically mentioned is the blessing of the rainfall from heaven. He gives them the former rains and the latter rains. Both at seed time and harvest, the need is met in a timely manner.

It is a land that God cares for, and His eyes are always looking over it. The word *care* means that God inquires and seeks with interest. It suggests He faithfully frequents the land. He takes delight in visiting the many places and frequents the land often. The “always” is underscored with the phrase “from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year”!

Similarly, the Church is not like Egypt. Being delivered from bondage and slavery, being liberated from hard taskmasters, wishing for a drink to quench our thirst, salvation supplied the living water where we would never thirst again. We do not have to live in drought. The beauty of beholding our inheritance from the position of heavenly places is majestic and breathtaking. Our faithful God never leaves us. He frequents our services all the year long, regardless of the diverse seasons we experience.

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