Deuteronomy 9:4

Chapter 3: Directions to Reubenites, Gadites, ½ tribe of Manasseh

Chapter 4: Obedience is commanded

Chapter 5: The Law (10 Commandments) are given

Chapter 6: “Love the Lord Your God”

Chapter 7: Instructed to drive out the nations

Chapter 8: Told not to forget what God has done

Deuteronomy 9:4, “After the Lord your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, ‘The Lord has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.’ No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you” (NIV).

Four Observations

1. We may have some things because God removed them from others, not because he gave them to us. Appreciate it for what it is.
   1. Babylon defeating Israelites (2 Kings 24)
   2. Grafted branch of the Gentiles (Romans 11)
2. The Anakites did not need to be utterly destroyed because the Israelites were so holy but because the Anakites were so wicked.
3. Wickedness persisted in the land 40 more years because the Israelites were not obedient the first time.
4. Righteousness was apparently not required to get into the Promised Land.