

Deuteronomy 1- 34

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A Good Name: Deuteronomy means "Second Law" or "Repetition of the Law."

Key Verses: 4:31,35; 6:4; 10:17; 11:26 - 28; 29:10 -13.

Purpose: Preparing God's people for life in the Promise land by showing them the path of obedience and warning them against disobedience.

Outline:
Covenant History (1-4)
Covenant living by the law of God (5 - 26)
Covenant blessings and curses (27 - 30)
Covenant Continuity (31 -34)

Covenant History (1-4):

1. Consider the contrast between 11 days and 40 years (1:1-3).
2. Heb. 3:16-19
3. Heb. 3:12-15
4. Matt. 13:58
5. Our life depends on obedience (4:1-2, 24; See also 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19).

Covenant living by the law of God (5-26):

1. This whole section hinges on our covenant relationship with God (5:1-2). Compare 5:1 with 12:1.
2. Chapter 5 gives us the covenant stipulations (i.e. the Ten Commandments).
3. The great responsibility for teaching God's law is with the parents (6:4-9).
4. Summary of chapters 5 - 26: love God and man according to God's word (Matt. 22:37-40; Rom. 13:8-10).
5. God's seriousness about obedience (21:18-23).

6. The gospel according to Deuteronomy (7:8; 10:16; 30:6).

Covenant Blessings and Curses (27-30):

A summary of these chapters is found in 30:8-20.

Covenant Continuity (31-34):

1. Charge to Joshua and the people: "The Lord is with you, be strong and courageous" (31:6-8,23).
2. Moses sings a song of deliverance with Israel (Deut. 32; Exod. 15; Ps. 90).
3. Moses climbs Mt. Pisgah (Nebo), sees the promise land and dies (33-34).

Application:

1. The Book of Deuteronomy is a great tool given us by God to prepare us for life. It is also a good tool to prepare our children for living for God and his glory.
2. Realize our progress in life often greatly depends on our obedience to God's word. The rate in which we grow is proportionate to the time we spend knowing and obeying God's word. Like Israel we could be only 11 days away from the great enjoyment of God's promises and yet wander around for 40 years to get there because of our unbelief in God's truth. We must constantly be evaluating whether or not we are submissive to what God is saying or whether or not we are being rebellious.
3. Recognize that God's law is inflexible. It must be obeyed by us. It stands for our blessing or our cursing.
4. Praise God for his genuine love for us in providing redemption for us. His law is simply an expression of his love. He seeks to govern us because he loves us and wants to prevent our destruction. His law is not a tool to make us miserable. It is his way of leading us to great blessings and joy.
5. We must never seek to pursue obedience in order to earn our salvation. Obedience is something that we do as an expression of our own love and gratitude to God (1 John 5:2,3). We love God because he first loved us and we obey him because we want to maintain that covenant love which is between us.
6. As parents we must not neglect our responsibilities to be teachers of God's law. We are accountable for the progress of the next generation. We will help them best by creating godly homes of allegiance to God's law.