

**Bethany  
Bible Study &  
Discussion**



**Deuteronomy  
Part 7  
(chapter 6)**

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No other  
Gods (7)

No Idols  
(8-10)

Don't take the  
Lord's name  
in vain (11)

Keep Sabbath  
holy (12-15)

Honor parents  
(16)

No murder  
(17)

No adultery  
(18)

No stealing  
(19)

No false  
witness (20)

No coveting  
(21)

# Ten Commandments

# What should be our response to the Law (1-3)

# God's commandments & Our response (1-3)

Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might **do them** in the land whither ye go to possess it:

<sup>2</sup> That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

<sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that **it may be well with thee**, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

# God's commandments & our response (1-3)

**Fear** the Lord and **OBEY** His commands (2)

**Blessings:** Prolonged life, God's favor, Increase mightily (2,3)

**Where:** In Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey (3)

What is the Greatest  
Commandment? (4-5)

# Greatest Commandment (4)

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: <sup>5</sup>And thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Hear (3,4) One Lord (4)

## Love Him

### Quality of Love expected?

Deep love (heart, soul, might)

Heart/mind – center of emotion, thought, intent, and influences our decisions

Soul - life of human (all that is within me) ...

    bless the Lord, O My Soul and all that is within me bless his Holy name (Psalms 103:1)

Might - strength, do it whole heartedly, 100% commitment

Our love cannot be lukewarm (Revelation 3:15-16)

# Greatest Commandment

## How is love expressed?

**Obedience**, no matter the cost or consequence

Obedience must be joyful and immediate, inspired by love not fear

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, *And* to hearken than the fat of rams. (I Samuel 15:22)



# King Josiah

<sup>25</sup> Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

2 kings 23:25

Hear

Hear God (3,4)

Love

Love God (5)

Fear

Fear God (2)

**What must we do? (1-5)**

**What should we do  
with the Word? (6-9)**

# Store the Words & Pass it on

(6-9)

<sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

<sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

<sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

**KEEP.  
TRANSFER.  
DISPLAY.**

**KEEP**

Keep in Heart (6)

**TRANSFER**

Teach/pass on to children (7)  
at all times (sitting, walking, lying down, rising)

**DISPLAY/WITNESS/Visible Faith, not secret believers**

Hand (8)

On the walls (9)

On the doorposts and gates (9)

**Are we keeping, transferring, and displaying?**

**Why can 'good times'  
be 'bad times'? (10-12)**

## WARNING for Good Times

<sup>10</sup> And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

<sup>11</sup> And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

<sup>12</sup> Then **beware lest thou forget the Lord**, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

# WARNING for Good times

<sup>12</sup> Then beware lest thou forget  
the Lord,

## GOOD LIFE WAS BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE

(undeserved blessings)

House full of good things ... that you didn't fill

Wells ... that you didn't dig

Vineyards & Trees ... that you didn't plant

## BE GRATEFUL FOR THE BLESSINGS

DO NOT FORGET GOD (12)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Psalms 103:2)



## Danger of Blessings

If our material blessings become a weight and take us away from the Lord, it is no longer a blessing!

In general, believers are closer to God when facing problems rather than when going through prosperity

<sup>7</sup> Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: <sup>8</sup> Remove far from me vanity and lies: **give me neither poverty nor riches**; feed me with food convenient for me: <sup>9</sup> **Lest I be full, and deny thee**, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain. (Proverbs 30:7-9)

# What leads to Victory? (13-18)

## Appropriate Response (13-18)

<sup>13</sup> Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

<sup>14</sup> Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

<sup>15</sup> (For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

<sup>17</sup> Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

<sup>18</sup> And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers.

1

Fear the Lord and  
Serve Him (13)

2

Do not go after  
other gods (14)

3

Do not tempt the  
Lord (16)

- Trust in God during trials  
(don't murmur or complain)

4

Keep His  
commandments  
(17)

5

Do that which is  
right (18)

**Appropriate Response (13-18)**

# Appropriate response will lead to victories

To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the Lord hath spoken (19)

Appropriate Response  
(13-18)



Victories  
(19)

Are we enjoying Victories?

**How must we respond  
to our children? (20-25)**

# Responding to our children

(20-25)

And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

<sup>20</sup> And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, **What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments,** which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

<sup>21</sup> Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

<sup>22</sup> And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

<sup>23</sup> And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

<sup>25</sup> And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

# Responding to our children ...

**Children question:** Why must we obey God's commandments?

**How must Parents respond?**



# Responding to our children ...

**Children question:** Why must we obey God's commandments?

**Parents answer:**

1. It is God's commandment (24)
2. It is our reasonable response to God's gracious dealing with us
  - deliverance from Egypt (a house of bondage, iron furnace)
  - gift of Promised land,
  - God's guidance/provision/ protection,
  - Honored by God calling us 'chosen' 'people of inheritance'
3. Obedience will lead to good life, blessings, and God's favor
4. It will lead to righteousness (right relationship with the Lord)

6:20 ...

and when thy  
**son asked**  
**thee** in time to  
come

What if our children don't ask us ...

What does it reveal?

# Righteousness in the OT and NT (25)

OT: **Through Law** ... obey all commandments (25)

NT: **Through Christ**, through grace (Romans 3, Romans 8)

- Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin; (3:20) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe (3:22)
- For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:<sup>4</sup> That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (8:3-4)

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