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11 Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

² And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm,

³ And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

⁴ And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day;

⁵ And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place;

⁶ And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:

⁷ But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

History of God's 'positive and negative' dealings

Addressed to the survivors of the first generation (2) who experienced the blessings and chastisement of God.

Remember ... don't forget history

+ In Egypt ... miracles and plagues

+ After Egypt ... Egyptian Army (4)... horse & rider thrown into the sea!

+ In the Wilderness (5) ... God's presence, protection, and provision

- And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: (Exodus 13:21)
- Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years (Deuteronomy 8:4)

- Dathan & Abiram (6) ... disciplined for challenging leadership of Moses (Numbers 16)

Dathan and Abiram (6)

Leadership of Moses Challenged ... and Moses boldly challenges people

²⁸ And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. ²⁹ If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the Lord hath not sent me. ³⁰ But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord (**Numbers 16**)

God vindicates Moses

³¹ And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: ³² And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. ³³ They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

THEREFORE

History of God's dealings should inspire obedience & worship of God

Character and covenant of God should inspire obedience and worship

Your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did (7)

Therefore

- Love the Lord and his keep his commandments, always (1)
- Keep his commandments (8)

Result (8,9)

- Will be strong and possess the promised land
- Live long and enjoy the land flowing with milk and honey



What is special about the
Promised Land (9-12)

The Promised Land (9-12)

⁹ And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

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:

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:

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.

The Promised Land

The Promised land

is not like the dry land of Egypt (10)
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

God desires to take us to a better place

The Promised land

is a land flowing with milk and honey (9)

is a land of hills and valleys that drinks water from heaven! (11)

is a land that God cares for ... his eyes are watching, always (12)

#3. How will obedience
support agriculture?
(13-15)

¹³ And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

¹⁴ That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

¹⁵ And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Blessings of Obedience

Obedience results in:

- God's blessing of timely rain
 - first rain to prepare the land for sowing and latter rain at harvest time
- Grass for the cattle
- Rich harvest
- Plenty to eat

**#4. How is the heart deceived,
and how can we avoid
deception of our heart and loss
of blessings? (16-20)**

Deception of Heart

¹⁶ Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;
¹⁷ And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you (16-17)

Deception of heart seen by the drifting of our faith

Shifting of our worship & service from one true God to idols (16)

Consequences

- No more rain

God controls the rain; And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city (Amos 4:7)

- No more rich harvest
- Life destroyed

Solution ?

Cure for
'deception of
heart' sickness
(18-20)

WORD OF
GOD

¹⁸ Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

¹⁹ And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

²⁰ And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

Cure for 'deception of heart' sickness (18-20)

- **Retain** the Word of God
- **Remember** the Word of God
 - Apply the Word of God
- **Transfer** the Word of God
- **Display** the Word of God

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (**Psalms 119:11**)

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh (**Proverbs 4:20-22**)

The deceitful heart

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? ¹⁰ I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

(Jeremiah 17:9-10)

**#5. What are the
blessings of honoring
the Word? (21-25)**

²¹ That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

²² For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

²³ Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

²⁴ Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

²⁵ There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Blessings of honoring the Word (21-25)

- Days will be multiplied (21)
- Promised land ... like heaven upon earth! (21)
- Lord will drive out ... Israelites shall possess the land (22)
 - Boundaries of promised land mapped
- The enemy will be afraid (25)

**#6. What are the two
choices? (26-32)**

Two choices

²⁷ **A blessing**, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: ²⁸ **And a curse**, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

²⁹ And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

³⁰ Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

³¹ For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

³² And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

Two choices

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known (27-28).

Curse ... consequence of sin (natural and spiritual losses)

Blessings for
Obedience

(27)

Curses for
Disobedience

(28)

Two mounts

Blessings

Gerizim

... valley in

between

Curse

Ebal

more in Chapter 27

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Two mounts

Obedience –
Gerizim (29)
Curse – Ebal
(30) ...

more in
Chapter 27



We have been
set free from
the curse of the
law

¹⁰ For **as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse:** for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

¹¹ But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

¹² And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

¹³ **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:** for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
(Galatians 3:10-14)

Two choices
... and there is
no bridge
between
Heaven and
Hell

Luke 16:22-26

²² And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; ²³ And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

²⁶ And beside all this, **between us and you there is a great gulf fixed:** so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

**Only Two
choices given
to us**

Heaven
everlasting life

Hell
eternal torment in hellfire

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:
and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;
but the wrath of God abideth on him. **John 3:36**

Promise reinforced

For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein (31)

And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day (32)

Ye shall possess
the land and
dwell in it (31)

Ye shall
observe God's
commands (32)

Are the two
statements
true or false?

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