

Deuteronomy

Loving Obedience to a Loving God

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Deuteronomy 29,30

Introduction

Moses was preparing the children of Israel as they head into the Promise Land, telling them to be aware of the temptations that could come upon them.

“Trusting Jesus for our standing before God will bring peace and blessing in this life.”

I. Path to Renewal (Ch. 29)

v.2-9 – Remember God’s Faithfulness

Saw the Lord deliver them from Egypt through incredible miracles.
40 years in wilderness, clothes and shoes fine, food good!
Kings of Heshbon and Bashan defeated and victory secured.

v.10-15 – Renew your covenant with God

God is a faithful covenant keeper and we enter a sworn covenant with Him.

v.16-28 – Be aware of temptation and the destruction of covenant breaking

There is an obvious reason to punish the covenant-breaker for his disobedience. But God has a purpose beyond the reason of individual covenant.

God’s purpose in bringing judgment against a covenant-breaking Israel was also for the sake of the coming generation of your children and the foreigner. When they see the devastation that comes from breaking God’s covenant, they will be warned to obedience.

v. 29 – God reveals Himself

God is bigger and smarter than we are, and always will be. We must simply accept this. (Isaiah 55:8-9) God has revealed to us everything we need to know concerning obedience!

II. Repentance Is Key (Ch. 30)

v.1-10 – Return to the Lord

The implication is that they are now miserable and under the curse. In that moment they will remember what God said to them about blessings and curses.

v. 11-18 - The choice

Under the terms of the Old Covenant, Israel, if obedient, would see blessing. If disobedient, then Israel would surely perish. It was up to Israel, and based on their conduct.

If this Old Covenant is inferior to the New Covenant, and if there was a high price to pay for rejecting the Old Covenant, should we not know there is an even greater penalty for rejecting an even greater covenant?

“Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserve by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant g by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? Fro we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Hebrews 10:28-31

v.19-20 Choose life

We, outside the Old Covenant, are confronted with the choice. But the choice focuses first not on “will I obey God or not?”, but on “Will I trust in Jesus for my standing before God?”

Romans 5:1 – *“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

If we are basing our relationship with God with how well we keep the law or our obedience then we are in trouble. It is Jesus’ obedience and law-keeping that we trust in. I trust Jesus!

To love and trust God means to obey His voice, for a child who really loves and trusts their father will obey him. It means to cling to Him, for if we really love and trust Him, we will be attached to Him. It means to regard Him as our life and the length of our days, because if we love and trust Him, **He is not part of our life, He is our life.**

III. Conclusion

Jesus is still asking the question, *Who do you say that I am?* (Matthew 16:15), and our choice in answering that question determines our eternal destiny.