

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 18
Deuteronomy 26 – Joshua 2, Luke 5 – 7

Deuteronomy 26: First fruits

Key Point:

Our giving should be linked with a continual reminder of what God has saved us from.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 26:10 (NLT)

And now, O Lord, I have brought you the first portion of the harvest you have given me from the ground.’ Then place the produce before the Lord your God, and bow to the ground in worship before him.

Deuteronomy 27: The curses

Key Point:

God led the people in visual, verbal, and social ways to remember His law and hold one another accountable to obedience just as we should today.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 27:15 (NLT)

‘Cursed is anyone who carves or casts an idol and secretly sets it up. These idols, the work of craftsmen, are detestable to the Lord.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.’

Deuteronomy 28: The blessings and curses again

Key Point:

God promises blessing for obedience and curses for disobedience, a principle that remains intact to this day.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 28:45 (NLT)

“If you refuse to listen to the Lord your God and to obey the commands and decrees he has given you, all these curses will pursue and overtake you until you are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 29: Pay attention

Key Point:

The evidence of the hand of God in our lives ought to be enough to motivate us to obey but so often people remain hardened in their hearts against connecting God’s blessing with our obedience.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 29:24 (NLT)

“And all the surrounding nations will ask, ‘Why has the Lord done this to this land? Why was he so angry?’

Deuteronomy 30: Repent, I’ll bring you back

Key Point:

The principle of God’s blessing for repentance is so simple and clear so shouldn’t we all choose the life and blessings that come from repentance and obedience?

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 30:9 (NLT)

“The Lord your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the Lord will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors.

Deuteronomy 31: Joshua’s commission

Key Point:

God reminds us over and over to hear and obey His words but the hearts of men are stubborn, so we are reminded to be continually in His Word to curb the appetites of our own hearts.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 31:3 (NLT)

But the Lord your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy the nations living there, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua will lead you across the river, just as the Lord promised.

Deuteronomy 32: The song of God

Key Point:

There is a danger in forgetting how God has rescued you when things are going well – because sometimes blessing leads us to complacency which tempts us to abandon God and His ways.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 32:39 (NLT)

Look now; I myself am he! There is no other god but me! I am the one who kills and gives life; I am the one who wounds and heals; no one can be rescued from my powerful hand!

Deuteronomy 33: The blessing of Moses

Key Point:

God has revealed His word to His people because He loves them.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 33:1 (NLT)

This is the blessing that Moses, the man of God, gave to the people of Israel before his death:

Deuteronomy 34: The death of Moses

Key Point:

God confirms the message of God through the men of God because they performed miracles of God.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 34:6 (NLT)

The Lord buried him in a valley near Beth-peor in Moab, but to this day no one knows the exact place.

Joshua 1: Moses is dead

Key Point:

If we remain committed to walking in God's ways, we can be strong and courageous as God leads us through battles into ultimate victory.

Key Verse: Joshua 1:2 (NLT)

"Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.

Joshua 2: Rahab

Key Point:

God is merciful even to His enemies because the people of Israel had camped within sight of Jericho for a year, the fear of Israel had spread, people knew they were coming and knew that it was the God of Israel who was sending them in – anyone who wanted had plenty of time to escape.

Key Verse: Joshua 2:11 (NLT)

No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

Luke 5: Jesus Forgives

Key Point:

The message of God is confirmed through the messenger of God by miracles of God. Jesus has the credentials to prove He is the Son of God.

Key Verse: Luke 5:24 (NLT)

So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

Luke 6: Log Eye

Key Point:

The laws of Moses only illustrate or are a way of acting out eternal principles underneath. Jesus points out the principle is greater than the example.

Key Verse: Luke 6:41 (NLT)

“And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own?”

Luke 7: Pudding Proof

Key Point:

Jesus is not interested in rule keeping or public displays of pseudo-righteousness. He commends acts of humility and faith because a right heart leads to right actions.

Key Verse: Luke 7:24 (NLT)

After John’s disciples left, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. “What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind?”