<u>Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 16</u> Deuteronomy 1-11, Mark 16 – Luke 1

Deuteronomy 1: Historical Setting

Key Point:

Rebellion and complaining about one's situation in life can result in what should be a short adventure becoming a life of one, long slog with set-back after set-back. Learn to reject complaining.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 1:5 (NLT)

While the Israelites were in the land of Moab east of the Jordan River, Moses carefully explained the Lord's instructions as follows.

Deuteronomy 2: Historical Recap

Key Point:

God is just and justified in His judgments knowing the hearts of human beings – but even in judgment He is merciful allowing the report of coming judgement to spread so people could leave town.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 2:7 (NLT)

For the Lord your God has blessed you in everything you have done. He has watched your every step through this great wilderness. During these forty years, the Lord your God has been with you, and you have lacked nothing.

Deuteronomy 3: Og fell, Moses can't cross

Key Point:

Even though we may be forgiven, and the ultimate consequences of our rebellion are washed away, yet within this life there may be results of our poor decisions we must live with by trusting God.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 3:3 (NLT)

So the Lord our God handed King Og and all his people over to us, and we killed them all. Not a single person survived.

Deuteronomy 4: Keep the statutes or fall

Key Point:

It is a simple principle: live in obedience to God and you will live, disobey and there will be severe consequences. This principle remains true to this day.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 4:14 (NLT)

It was at that time that the Lord commanded me to teach you his decrees and regulations so you would obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

Deuteronomy 5: Ten Commandments, Take Two

Key Point:

It is right to fear the Lord because He is holy – Oh that we would always have a heart that respects and honors and fears the Lord so that we will obey Him in all that we do.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 5:7 (NLT)

You must not have any other god but me.

Deuteronomy 6: The Shema

Key Point:

Learning to continually remember God, be thankful to Him and honor Him – in good times and bad – keeps us in the right frame of mind so we do not fall into apostacy. We must also pass this attitude along to our kids.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NLT)

Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

Deuteronomy 7: Destroy the Canaanites

Key Point:

God is a God of justice as well as mercy. He calls His people to be separate from the profane things of this world.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 7:22 (NLT)

The Lord your God will drive those nations out ahead of you little by little. You will not clear them away all at once, otherwise the wild animals would multiply too quickly for you.

Deuteronomy 8: Don't forget God

Key Point:

To guard against pride, always remember that everything you have comes from Him and you don't deserve it.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3 (NLT)

Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 9: Remember Horeb and Kadesh-Barnea

Key Point:

We must always remember that in our hearts, in our past we are constantly going astray so we must praise God that He puts up with us for the sake of His own glory, not because we deserve it. Stay humble.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 9:6 (NLT)

You must recognize that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land because you are good, for you are not—you are a stubborn people.

Deuteronomy 10: Commit your heart to God

Key Point:

Our recovery from a failure should be a return to God's Word and an immediate return to getting after whatever God is leading us to do. So often we think we need recover time – but we need to get moving.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 10:12 (NLT)

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 11: Setting blessing or curses before you

Key Point:

Blessing from God is not accidental or arbitrary – it is chosen. God openly offers His followers blessings or curses because obedience and humility before Him is the key to His guidance and blessing.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 11:26 (NLT)

Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse!

Mark 16: Rez & Go!

Key Point:

Jesus rose from the dead and specifically gave us a commission to Go into all the world and proclaim that He is risen.

Key Verse: Mark 16:15 (NLT)

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Luke 1: Two Special Girls

Key Point:

The historical witness of the life and words of Jesus are well investigated eyewitness accounts and the miracles the gospels record authenticate Jesus as Messiah.

Key Verse: Luke 1:35

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God."