

KEEPING LOVE ALIVE

Deuteronomy 27

FROM PASTOR MARK

Welcome back to Deuteronomy! Previously, we studied Dt. 1-11, *The Love of Your Life* and Dt. 12-26, *Love's Loyalty*. Now that Dt. has defined the relationship (DTR), Moses instructed Covenant Renewal which provided the means to perpetuate the relationship, to keep love for God alive and make it real. How can we keep our love for God alive?

- I. **Keep Love Alive by AFFIRMATION (27:1-8).**
 - A. The Goal (1)
 - B. The Affirmation in the Promised Land (2-8)
 1. Affirmation in Writing (2-4)
 2. Affirmation in Ceremony (5-8)
 - a. Ceremony of Dedication (5-6)
 - b. Ceremony of Fellowship (7-8)

- II. **Keep Love Alive by CONSECRATION (27:9-10).**
 - A. The Listening Ear of Consecration (9a)
 - B. The Perpetual Heart of Consecration (9b; Romans 12:1)
 - C. The Active Evidence of Consecration (10)

- III. **Keep Love alive by PROCLAMATION (27:11-26).**
 - A. The Ceremony of Proclamation (11-14; Nehemiah 8)
 - B. The Commitments Proclaimed (15-26)
 1. No Secret Idolatry (15)
 2. No Dishonoring Authority (16)
 3. No Harming the Vulnerable (17-18)
 4. No Sexual Immorality (19-23)
 5. No Secret Harm to Anyone (24-25)
 6. Doers of the Word Completely (26)

- IV. **Base your Love upon SALVATION (27:26 quoted in Galatians 3:10-14).**
 - A. Our Condemnation (10-12)
 - B. Christ's Provision (13)
 - C. Our Response (14)

KEEP YOUR LOVE FOR GOD ALIVE—Romans 12:1-2...

FOR NEXT TIME—Read Deuteronomy 28, *Blessed or Cursed?*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

1. What can make our love for God start to grow cold?
2. What do you think you would have been feeling as an Israeli person if you had been standing during the ceremony of Deuteronomy 27 on Mount Gerazim (Mt. of Blessing)? Mount Ebal (Mt. of Cursing)?

3. Read Galatians 3:10-14. How does Deuteronomy 27 make you appreciate your Savior more?
4. Read Romans 12:1. Have you presented your body to God to be a living sacrifice as a Christian? If so, how can you renew that commitment in our own heart and life as often as needed?
5. How can you keep your love for God alive day by day, week by week?

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