

Deuteronomy 8-11 – 11 March 2021

“Why’d Ya Do That?”

Introduction

- *Exo, Lev, Num is what happened
- *Deut is Moses heart about what happened
- *Paul tells us in Rom 15:4 & I Cor 10:1-11 that these things are written for OUR learning
- *Some of the greatest overarching principle of the Bible are found in Deuteronomy
- *Today in Deut 8-11 Go will give us insight into why we experience certain events or even trials in life
- *Our past isn’t meaningless; it should be used to apply some valuable lessons to our present life
- *Today we’ll look at 3 lessons to learn from our past experiences that we should apply today**

1st lesson to learn from our experiences is that we're powerless without God (Chap 8:1-20)

Read Chap 8:1-5

1. God leading us thru trials is for *us* to **learn** our own wretchedness & His goodness
2. Self-sufficiency needs to be taught out of us
3. God loves us enough to take the time to do it
4. Have you come to the end of your self-sufficiency?

Read Chap 8:6-11

1. The humbling times are to prepare us for the times of blessing.
2. So when we get there, we can return thanks to God. But how do we return thanks?
3. We return **thanks** to God *by* obedience.

Read Chap 8:12-18

1. Be **humble**, don't be lifted up in pride as if *we* accomplished anything on our own
2. How many times this chap has reminded us to “remember God” or “don't forget God”.

Read Chap 8:19-20

1. Proof that you've **learned**, are **thankful** & are **humble** is that you have a commitment to obedience
2. Examples:
 - a. You see a brother getting mad at a co-worker...
 - i. Hey brother, have you forgotten that “the wrath of man doesn't work the righteousness of God”? (James 1:20)
 - b. You see a sister depressing & unsatisfied
 - i. Hey sister, have you forgotten that “eye hath not seen, not ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him”? (I Cor 2:9)

2nd lesson to learn from our experiences is that we need an intercessor for righteousness (Chap 9:1-10:11)

Read Chap 9:1-3

1. It's the Lord that will drive out Canaanites
2. Israel is powerless to conquer & need help

Read Chap 9:4-6

1. Attaining isn't b/c I'm good or righteous but attaining is to accomplish God's purposes
2. The blessings we get in life are never because we deserved them.
 - a. We DON'T want the Lord to reward us according to our deeds.
 - b. Read John 3:19 – "...b/c deeds were evil."
 - c. Our deeds merit punishment

Read Chap 9:7-12

1. Their rebellious provocation exp is Golden Calf
2. Like being clean from a bath, how quickly we throw ourselves in the mud pit.

Read Chap 9:13-16

1. How quickly we can turn aside from God, why?
2. B/c vs 13 tells us that they were stiff-necked
 - a. Bent on destruction
 - b. You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig. You need to be granted a new nature!

Read Chap 9:17-21

1. Moses intercedes for the people w/ God
2. Jesus is our intercessor, Who ever lives to make intercession for us!
3. Vs 21 – “I took your sin” – don't think that wording is an accident!

Read Chap 9:22-24

1. Long list of their past rebellions, but why did they do these things?
2. Vs 23 – “ye believed Him not”
3. Unbelief was their primary sin....and ours.

Read Chap 9:25-29

1. They **NEED** an intercessor
2. The intercessor pleads with God for us
 - a. But not b/c of our good character
 - b. He pleads b/c of God's good character

Read Chap 10:1-5

1. New tables of the Law written by God
2. It's a picture of God's righteousness again and again being offered to His people.
 - a. Psm 19:7 – “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul”.
 - b. Our sin ‘breaks’ the law & God offers to us again.

Read Chap 10:6-11

1. Aaron died but God appointed his son to take over so there would be a continual intercessor
2. Levi chosen to bear the ark of the covenant and to stand between God and the people

3rd lesson to learn from our experiences is that God deserves our commitment (Chap 10:12-11-32)

Read Chap 10:12-16

1. Love God so much that you obey Him
2. He has the way to everlasting life
3. This is what physical circumcision was always intended to picture
 - a. A willingness to cut away the distractions of the world.
 - b. You're either unbendingly moving toward sin or you're continually removing the distractions of sin

Read Chap 10:17-19

1. God can't be bribed by the rich & He helps the destitute
2. God's commitment to justice & mercy should compel us to commitment to Him
3. A nature part of our commitment to God is to return gratitude to His image-bearers.

Read Chap 10:20-22

1. You are who you are today, b/c of God
2. He has brought you thru many circumstances
3. If you have breath today, He has brought you thru and still wants to us you yet more

Read Chap 11:1-9

1. B/c you've SEEN the great acts of God; you KNOW He deserves your obedient commitment
2. We've all experienced the goodness of God
 - a. It's not just some ethereal teaching.
 - b. We're blessed to live in America as free.
 - c. We're blessed to have Bibles & resources

Read Chap 11:10-17

1. Your obedience will even bring the blessing of a fruitful land
2. Idolatry brings leanness
3. See God is committed to all that He does.
 - a. He does things caringly & completely

Read Chap 11:18-25

1. Vs 18 – Commitment begins with keeping God’s Word in your heart & mind
2. Obedience will bring you & YOUR KIDS into great blessing & prosperity
3. Vs 19-22 – All these ways that we show commitment to God is repeated from Deut 6 – The Great Shema

Read Chap 11:26-32

1. There’s a choice to be made!
2. Will we commit to God or be a flim-flam?
3. Commitment to God isn’t in your bloodline, it’s in the new life of the Spirit!

Conclusion

So what can we learn from past experiences? When we try to ask, “Why’d ya do that, God?”, think about these things: Experiences should tell us that...

1. **We’re powerless without God**
 - a. We’re not capable of loving God & others rightly
 - b. We’re not capable of returning peace, joy and thankfulness perfectly
 - c. We need God’s Spirit to work in us
2. **We need an intercessor to gain righteousness**
 - a. We so quickly turn to pride as if we’re the reason we’ve obtain what we have
 - b. Jesus is the only One who will plead on our behalf before God b/c of His goodness, not ours
3. **God deserves our commitment**
 - a. We’ve seen the greatness of God, now return thanks!
 - b. We’ve seen the blessing of God, now return your heart, commitment and life