

# Deuteronomy 6-7 – 4 March 2021

## “Hear...God’s Desire For You”

### 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 6-7 will get a reminder of what kind of relationship we’re offered to have with our God

\*Have you ever doubted that you’re safe w/ God? Maybe He’ll cast you out at any moment? Let Moses today remind us of the character of God

**\*Today we’ll look at 4 points showing that God desire is for us to be empowered by a relationship that is spiritual & that is revering the Savior”**

# **1<sup>st</sup> Part of God's desire for us is to come into relationship, not religion (Chap 6:1-9)**

Read Chap 6:1-2

1. These things speak of a lifestyle, not an event
  - a. Commandments (past), statutes (enactments - present), judgements (verdicts future)
  - b. Be taught God's law, to fear God, do them & teach them to the next generation, so you may live long
2. Perpetual receiving and giving of the law

Read Chap 6:3

1. Serving God's way will physically bless you
2. In giving to God, He gives back
  - a. This is on-going interaction
  - b. Do you have that?

Intro to 4-9

1. Now in vs 4 begins what is called The Great Shema (to hear)

## Read Chap 6:4

1. “One”
  - a. Therefore, He cannot be represented by contradictory images or methods.
  - b. Baal is different than the Lord God, therefore Baal is NOT God.
  - c. Word used isn't the typical word for singular, it's the word for compound unity
  - d. Jesus isn't different than Yahweh, therefore, He is God (Heb 1:1-3 - ...express image...)
2. Even “God” is plural using Elohim.

## Read Chap 6:5

1. When we don't love God above all, we have robbed God of what is rightfully His.
2. What Jesus called the greatest commandment

## Read Chap 6:6-7

1. Speaks of a lifestyle of devotion, not an event
2. You ask, “When should I have devotions with my family?”
  - a. Answer – With every interaction!
  - b. Teaching ur kids isn’t just a scheduled event
3. This isn’t to exclude church attendance, but your daily example is more powerful than your church attendance

## Read Chap 6:8-9

1. Don’t turn heartfelt devotion for God into outward pride like the Pharisees
  - a. They used to brag by making big physical shows of this
2. If God’s Word isn’t in your heart, it’s meaningless to display it anywhere else
3. Don’t turn your brehtaking relationship with God into braggadocios religion

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Part of God's desire for us is to focus on the spiritual, not the spurious (Chap 6:10-25)**

Read Chap 6:10-12

1. That God prophesied bringing them in to the land from the time of Abraham is a spiritual thing
2. Gracious prosperity brings the danger of independence & ingratitude.
  - a. Don't forget who brought the prosperity...it wasn't you!
3. *When physical blessing comes, remember it came from a spiritual Source*

Read Chap 6:13-15

1. God deserves credit & love for your prosperity
2. Don't go after spurious gods looking to have your needs met
  - a. They can't meet needs or bring fulfilment

## Read Chap 6:16-19

1. Don't become worried about provision (like at Massah longing for water), but trust that as you obey the Law, it will go well with you.
  - a. Fear or faith
  - b. *When physical blessing DOESN'T come, remember it's in the hands of a spiritual Source*
2. Just to cast out their enemies would take spiritual faith!

## Read Chap 6:20-25

1. Teach others of your identity in God
  - a. That your spiritual identity is more important than your job title or hobby title
2. Teach others that there is great purpose to life
  - a. God brought us out, to bring us in
  - b. We were in Egypt, slaves to their law & rule, but God make us slaves to His gracious law & rule
  - c. He didn't save us w/o purpose or to leave us

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Part of God's desire for us is to have pride in Yahweh, not you (Chap 7:1-8)**

Read Chap 7:1-4

1. Notice vs 1 – Canaanites are greater than them
  - a. Taking Canaan is God's work, not theirs
  - b. Why? B/c Israel is weaker than they are
2. Notice vss 2-3 – Make no covenant / marriage
  - a. Don't have business or pleasure with them
  - b. Why? B/c they'll turn you away from God
3. God is mighty & deserves our attention

Read Chap 7:5-6

1. Get rid of all signs of false worship b/c they're to be different than that
2. We're to have pride in our God, not promoting other false god's symbols & rituals
  - a. Why use yoga, when we can exercise without using false god's symbols & rituals?

## Read Chap 7:7-8

1. There's nothing within Israel that made God choose them. He chose to set His love on them.
2. He does good to them (& us) not b/c of who we are...but b/c of who He is
  - a. He's a loving, covenant-keeping God!
  - b. Put the focus on His, not yourself

## **4<sup>th</sup> Part of God's desire for us is to revere the Savior, not the snared (Chap 7:9-26)**

### Read Chap 7:9-11

1. Notice, it's not about good & bad people. It's about people that either come to or leave God.
  - a. "Those that love Him, those that hate Him"
  - b. It's never been about our actions, but our reverence of God to come to Him
2. There's no secret about this ("to their face")



## Read Chap 7:12-15

1. If we revere God, then He will...
  - a. Vs 12 – Keep His covenant & mercy
  - b. Vs 13 – Multiple blessings
  - c. Vs 14 – Bless more than any other nation and not have any women to be infertile
  - d. Vs 15 – Take away sickness
2. So don't do after the ways of the unbelievers...
  - a. They are snared in their own vices
  - b. Don't envy them, in the arms of God are blessings and help

## Read Chap 7:16-17

1. Fear of the enemy's supposed power over them would cause them to NOT destroy the enemy
  - a. The inevitable outcome of this is that you succumb to serving their gods
  - b. Don't allow things in your home that will tear your heart away from God.
    - i. You go from tolerating it, to embracing it

## Read Chap 7:18-19

1. What they should do is remember the Lord's great power to deliver!
2. The enemies of God have no power, and that will be revealed in due time, so revere God!

## Read Chap 7:20-23

1. The Lord will destroy the enemy little by little
2. He'll only give you what you can handle
  - a. God, why do I still have all these financial troubles? You can't yet handle the temptation of more money
  - b. God, why don't I have a bigger sphere of influence? You can't yet handle it without becoming prideful.

## Read Chap 7:24-26

1. Destroy every idol and item used in false religious practice, they cannot be redeemed
2. This will be the violation of Achan at Ai

## Conclusion

So Deut 6-7 shows God's desire for us:

**To be empowered by a relationship that is spiritual with the Savior we revere**

1. **Come into relationship, not religion**
  - a. God's looking for a lifestyle, not an event
    - i. Events motivated by many things
    - ii. Lifestyle motivated from the heart!
2. **Focus on the spiritual, not the spurious**
  - a. We're in a spiritual fight
  - b. When faced with a physical problem, remember that the answer is a spiritual one
3. **Have pride in Yahweh, not you**
  - a. There's nothing within us that made God choose us
  - b. We only overcome but His power within us
4. **Revere the Savior, not the snared**
  - a. There's nothing in the enemy that can stop us, if we simply abide in the vine of God's love