

# Deuteronomy 27-28 – 6 May 2021

## “What Christ Jesus Has Completed”

### Introduction

\*Moses has completed giving the Law & reiterating in Deut. the things God would have him say again

\*Today we begin to close out the Pentateuch (5 books)

\*We'll see the ratification of the covenant of the Law

\*This is what the children of Israel's relationship w/ God is based on, the covenant of the Law thru Moses

\*Our relationship w/ God is based on a Covenant of Grace from Jesus Christ (Read John 1:17)

\*Now remember, Jesus didn't ignore the Law, He perfectly dealt with and fulfilled its requirements

**\*Today we'll see 3 stunning differences between our covenant w/ God thru Jesus' grace versus Israel's covenant w/ God thru Moses' Law**

# **1<sup>st</sup> topic of difference is that of obedience: The Mosaic Law was based on our obedience to God (Chap 27)**

Read Chap 27:1-8

1. When they come in, set up great stones w/ this Law written in Mt Ebal
2. So the injunction is to “Keep all the” Law
3. Build an altar for burnt & peace offerings
  - a. Remember the burnt offering is to represent a whole dedication.
  - b. We see this happen in Joshua chap 8

Read Chap 27:9-14

1. Having  $\frac{1}{2}$  over against 1 mt &  $\frac{1}{2}$  over against the other mt w/ Levites in the middle, cursing & blessings are pronounced
2. Gerizim– All sons of Leah & Rachel (blessing)
3. Ebal– Rest of the sons (cursing)

## Chap 27:15-26

1. This is now their verbal assent to say that not obeying God, **in all things**, brings a curse
2. Each cursing (12 of them) is b/c of a crime against a different part of God or creation
  - a. Vs 15 – Sin against God
  - b. Vs 16 – Sin against Father or Mother
  - c. Vs 17 – Sin against the land
  - d. Vs 18-19 – Sin against the less fortunate
  - e. Vs 20-23 – Sin against self (I Cor 6:18)
  - f. Vs 24 – Sin against thy neighbor
  - g. Vs 25 – Sin against nature
  - h. Vs 26 – Sin against the Law
3. Let's read it together (now) to get the impression

**Compare: Jesus' grace is based, not on our commitment to God, but on God's commitment to us**

1. Read Rom 5:19-21—Jesus' obedience brings life
2. Read John 10:27-28 – “I'll never leave thee”
3. We follow Jesus, not to be loved, but b/c we're loved!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> topic of difference is that of blessing: The Mosaic Law brought blessings to us for obedience to God (Chap 28:1-14)**

Read Chap 28:1-2

1. Levites are still reciting this from between mts
2. You'll notice "if" looms large in this chapter

Read Chap 28:3-14

1. Many blessings – From animals, land, sky, blessings of peace w/ enemies, in reputation & their bodies
2. Notice again in vs 13 – "if" you obey

## **Compare: Jesus' grace brings blessings to us based on our position under His blood by faith**

1. Jesus did exactly what He calls us to do – Read Matt 5:43-45a
2. Read Rom 4:7 – We're blessed to be forgiven!
3. Gal 3 tells us that God has blessed us w/ Abraham's blessing thru faith in Jesus Christ
4. Read I Pet 3:8-9 – We're positioned in blessing

### **3<sup>rd</sup> topic of difference is that of cursing: The Mosaic Law brought cursing for our disobedience to God (Chap 28:15-68)**

Read Chap 28:15-24

1. The sky and land will be a curse to you
2. All places that were to be the Promised Land will not yield her best to them unless they obey
3. These things are more than a possible curse
  - a. This is an actual prophecy b/c God knows that they'll disobey and these will fall on them
  - b. The next several verses describe the coming Babylonian Captivity

Read Chap 28:25-48

1. We'll read all about each one of these events as we read thru I & II Kings & Chronicles & the prophets especially Jeremiah
2. But why are these curses happening?
  - a. Vs 45 & 47—B/c they couldn't keep God's Law
3. Next verses describe their defeat by the Romans

## Read Chap 28:49-57

1. The conquering of Israel & Jerusalem by Titus of Rome in 70AD
2. All this dreaded cursing b/c of their disobedience to God's Law
3. Remember this is what justice looks like
  - a. For all the unmerited blessing & goodness that God gave them, they returned little to nothing
  - b. Justice is getting what you deserve
4. These verses don't need much explanation... but need read to leave their intended impression
  - a. But if you hang on, we'll make an incredible application at the end of the chapter
5. Next verses describe Israel's scattering after the Roman invasion of 70AD

## Read Chap 28:58-68

1. Reduced in number & scattered among the nations b/c (see vs 62) they "would not obey" God
2. Vs 68–Fulfilled by Titus–sent to Egyptian mines

# **Compare: Jesus' grace made Himself a curse for us...in our place**

1. Read Gal 3:10-14 – **KEY VERSES**
  - a. He bore all our disobedience and curse, to take it off of all those that believe on Him
2. He thus has removed the curse once and made it available for all
3. We can now have an everlasting eternity freed from the Law, freed from the curse of sin & death
  - a. Read Rev 22:3

## Conclusion

So in the completion of the Mosaic Law, we're reminded of justice's right to hold us accountable. But...

1. **As the Law was based on our obedience to God; Jesus' grace is based on God's commitment to us!**
2. **As the Law brought blessings to us for obedience to God; Jesus' grace brings blessings to us based on our position under His blood**
3. **As the Law brought cursing for our disobedience to God; Jesus' grace made Himself a curse to take our place**