

Study Notes (Deuteronomy 5:22-33)



Chapter 5:22-24 **Further Up and Further In!**

- Moses was deeper into the presence of God than the people; what they heard, and saw was just the outside. Moses wants them to understand what took place *further up and further in*.
 - See -> Exodus 20:18-21
- Moses has not added anything to what God had given him. This distinction helps Israel understand that Moses is under this Law as are they; he is not superior to them.
- Today we have seen that a man can commune with God and live! This is crucial for Israel; whereas other religions have priests communicating to them the will of their gods, God spoke to Moses in the audience of all the Nation.

Chapter 5:25-27 **Let's Not Push It!**

- While Israel acknowledges this unique invitation they have with God, they do not desire to push in or press it further for fear they will do something to disqualify themselves from life.
- In this place of reverence, they appeal to Moses to receive from God, affirming it is coming indeed from God and not Moses.

Chapter 5:28-29 **God's Desire**

- This place of reverence was a desire of God to live beyond this moment. If Israel would keep themselves in this state of mind, heart, attitude- all that God asks, all that God says, and everywhere God leads would be faithful surrender to by Israel for generations.

Chapter 5:30-33 **God's Direction**

- God allows them to return to their tents while calling Moses further up and further in. Their hearts were at a good place to receive God's Word. First, they recognized who God is. Second, they affirm who they are considering who God is.
 - The goal of God has always been to bring Israel / Gentiles further up and further into Himself- and this invitation belongs to each generation until time ends through Jesus! See -> John 14:1-14

"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place."

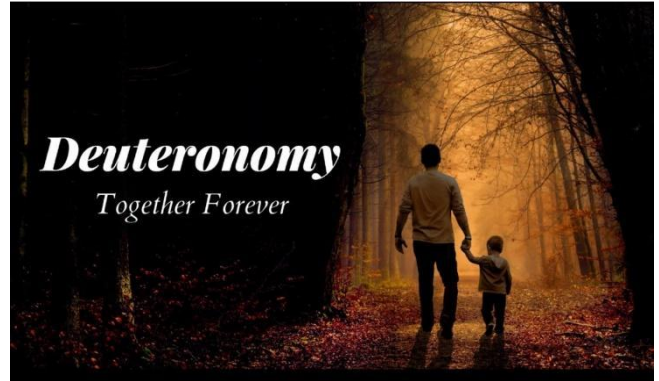
-Deuteronomy 1:31

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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *Why was it important for Moses that Israel understood the Law came from God- all of it- and that Moses had not added or subtracted anything from what God gave?*
- 2) *Why was it important for Israel to hear God themselves whereas priests of other religions receive word in secret?*
- 3) *Although they were noting the incredible state of being in God's presence, hearing His voice, Israel desired to not push it and requested to step back. What may have motivated this response from Israel?*
- 4) *What was God's desire for Israel (**5:28-29**)? What is God's desire for you today?*
- 5) *What did God tell Israel to do? What did God tell Moses to do? How does this whole experience compare with Jesus' message in **John 14:1-14**?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Week read Deuteronomy Chapter 6:1-25.**