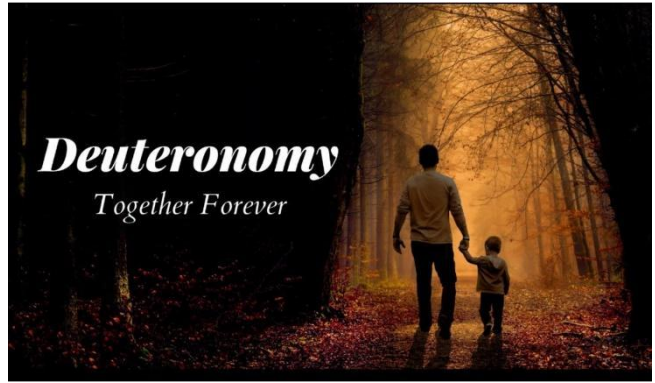


**Study Notes (Deuteronomy 4:44-5:21)**



**Chapter 4:44- 49 All That You Need**

- o After reviewing the history of Israel's physical journey from Egypt to the Jordan, then the period of Wandering for the new generation to arise, the young Nation now stands ready to cross over.
- o Now Moses begins to navigate the Law God gave Israel; He is not adding any new laws but is helping Israel understand their application in their lives. Like a parent packing their kids bags and reviewing all that they have at their disposal to go out into the world, Israel is about to be sent.

**Chapter 5:1-5 Hear, O Israel...the LORD your God**

- o Recognizing who God is becomes the foundation Israel would move forward on. In this understanding they receive and submit to the Law of God through Covenant at Horeb.
- o The *statutes* and *rules* spring from the upcoming Ten Commandments- the Moral Law directing the ethical behavior of Israel.

**Chapter 5:6-21 The Ten Commandments**

- o *What follows here is the most quoted and referred to portion of Scripture. On this the rest of the Law unfolds out into the daily rhythms of life for the Nation of Israel.*
- o *The impact of Idolatry can reach beyond the present generation; the sins of the parents can be networked down into the lives of the children. Even withing the Nation of Israel will be those who hate God as well as those who love Him. **Note – Jeremiah 31:29-30***
- o *The observance of the Sabbath is not in reference to God's creative work as in **Exodus 20**, but in relation to Israel's past slavery. That reminder of slavery is what will spur them to remember who they are now with God and the value of His Law in their lives.*
- o *Covet and Desire- God is noting a distinction Israel is to make. Women are not property.*
- o *It is chiefly about the heart. **See and note -> Matthew 5:17-26.** Jesus came to fulfill the Law- to live in complete submission in love with the Father through Righteousness.*

"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) *Recognizing where our influence ends and personal accountability / ownership of those under our influence begins, is hard. For Moses we hear the genuine love, urgency, even pleading for Israel to recognize that God is providing them all that they need to do life in faith with Him. **Why would Moses be so concerned about their future? Who in your life labors with such love to see you and God together forever? Whose life are you such an influence in?***
- 2) *Why is it important to recognize who God is when we approach His Word? Does our attitude toward Him affect how we read, hear, see, and live out His Word?*
- 3) *Why do so many non-religious settings have the Ten Commandments on their walls? Why do these commands connect with so many even of different or no faith?*
- 4) *What is idolatry and why was it so serious an issue with God? What negative impact could it have generationally? How does this affect your attitude toward personal sin? Does God judge us for the sins of our parents? If so, how / why? How can this cycle be broken?*
- 5) *Was God giving the Law to dictate outward obedience or to lead hearts to Him through atonement? How is the Law like a mirror that cannot clean us? What did Jesus say about the Moral Laws and their continued impact for believers in Christ?*

\*Type your answers and send them to me at [damianmericka@live.com](mailto:damianmericka@live.com) or attach through facebook messenger. **\*For Next Week read Deuteronomy Chapter 5:21-33.**