



Study Notes (Deuteronomy 6:1-25)

Chapter 6:1-3

Long Term Relationship in Mind

- o What are your intentions? Where do you see this relationship going? These are questions we either have been asked or asked ourselves when we see something that could have a long-term impact on our lives- good or bad.
- o God reaffirms His intentions- long term relationship with Him.

Chapter 6:4-9

God Is After Our Hearts

- o This is referred to as the shema; a foundational statement and prayer for Judaism. This would be recited morning and night; maintaining a centrality to their relationship with God: love.
- o The Laws were not meant to define the relationship; but guide it. If there is such a thing as the greatest commandment, it is this.
 - Check out **Matthew 22:34-40**.

Chapter 6:10-13

All That We Need

- o Faith is an extraordinarily rich jewel in the life of the Believer. It is trusting God to provide what we need when we need it even when it looks like He is leading us away from what we want.
- o As God provides what Israel needs to do life with God, God provides Believers today with all that we need in Him to do life with Him.
 - Check out **Philippians 4:18-20**

Chapter 6:14-19

This is a Committed Relationship

- o God is committed to us; He desires to nurture that in return from us.
 - Check out **Exodus 17:1-7**
- o God leads us into areas that can grow our faith (see **Mark 9:24**) but abhors us testing or qualifying our love to Him upon our appeal from doubt (See **John 6:30**)
- o Israel was to drive out the enemies of the land God was bringing them into; removing what will challenge or prevent them from maturing in faith with God.

Chapter 6:20-25

This is Who We Are

- o God did not want them to hand a list of rules to their children and send them on their way with the best of luck. No, the love story between God and Israel was born way before the Law.
- o Every birthday I sit with my kids and look at baby pictures talking about all that was going on leading up to their birth. We talk about Lacie and I meeting, falling in love and our love for Jesus. Everything flows into my desire for them to walk with God forever. In this I do not just hand them a Bible; I walk with them through it, illustrated by my own life which is also their heritage.
- o V.25 echoes this as nations will look upon Israel and see the Love of their God upon them.

"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."

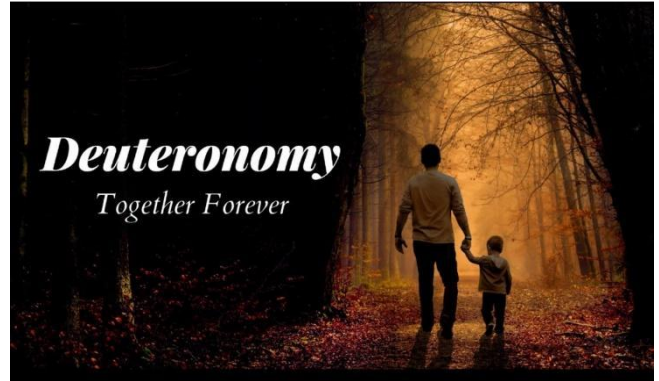
-Deuteronomy 1:31

Cornerstone Wednesday Night Bible Study Series

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Week 10: Second Discourse (Part 3)



Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *Knowing that God has the Long-term, eternal commitment to our relationship with Him, how does this impact your trust in Him with the day-to-day circumstances? If God was not committed, but conditioned His love on us based on how we lived, how would that affect your relationship with Him?*
- 2) *What is the shema? The Law was not meant to _____ the relationship, but to _____ it. God has always been after our _____. What is the most important, foundational aspect of the relationship between God and us?*
- 3) *What does 6:10-13 show God is providing for Israel? How would this help them grow in faith with God? How does Philippians 4:18-20 encourage you to trust Him the same way?*
- 4) *What is the difference between asking God to increase our faith in Him amidst our circumstance's verses demanding God to prove Himself by overcoming or changing our circumstances? Which governs your prayer life more?*

5) *How does God want Israel to answer the next generations questions about the Law? How does this impact how we pass on our faith to our own children or others new to the faith?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Week read Deuteronomy Chapter 7:1-26.**