

Study Notes (Deuteronomy 11:1-32)



Chapter 11:1-7 **How God defines Love: Faith and Obedience.**

- (v.1) This relationship between Israel and God was to be upon love; love defined by God as faith and obedience to His Word.
 - (Vv. 2-7) God through Moses appeals to the direct audience that witnessed how God worked to deliver Israel from Egypt. He wants them to understand He is who He declares Himself to be; keep the foundation of fear / reverence always.
 - The signs and deeds He did in Egypt toward Pharaoh and all the land.
 - The destruction of Pharaoh's army with the Red Sea.
 - The judgment that happened to them at Sinai.
 - The judgment against Dathan and Abiram- them and their families lost.
- **See -> Numbers 16:1-41.**

Chapter 11:8-12 **A Different Kind of Land, a Differing Kind of Life (Freedom)**

- (Vv.8-12) Unlike Egypt where life depended upon the Nile River, the Land of Promise would be nourished by rain. The fertility was a sign of God's gaze (the idea of promise and restoration God brings to us when He causes His Face to shine upon us.)
 - **See -> 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.**

Chapter 11:13-32 **How to Tell the Story- Healthy Foundations for Future Generations!**

- (Vv.13-17) The people are reminded to recognize their love toward God through Faith and Obedience would allow the fullness of the land to bless them. Be cautious to not forget the Lord their God and stray to other gods and turn to worship them.
 - (Vv.18-25) Telling the whole story to our children; nurturing them through our words and example to love God and know His blessing for the inheritance they will step into!
 - (Vv.26-32) God sets up before Israel a Blessing and a Curse. Our relationship with God is one of intentionally being in His Word, knowing Him through it, living it out in His strength, and cultivating His love toward us to bear fruit to each other, and back to Him.
 - Mount Gerizim (the Blessing) A mountain that divides into two. As Israel would go into the land they are starting out on a good foot. However, the straight and narrow will prove difficult and weed out those who genuinely love the Lord their God and those who do not.
 - Mount Ebal (the Curse) A gradual turning away from something to another; progression. As Israel may go away from God, He sends constant invitation to turn back through repentance; bringing discipline before judgment.
- **See -> Ephesians 6:1-4.**

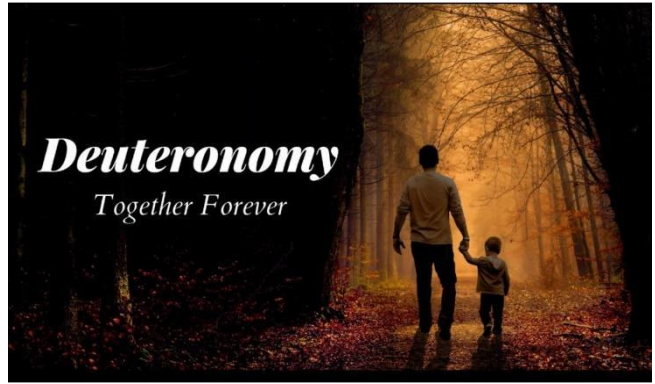
"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place." -Deuteronomy 1:31

Cornerstone Wednesday Night Bible Study Series

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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *In your own words, describe the overall theme for Deuteronomy chapter 11.*
- 2) *What four events does Moses bring about Israel's experience with God? What was the reason he brought this up?*
- 3) *How does God define love? How does the story of Dathan and Abiram stand against this definition?*
- 4) *What was geographically different between Egypt and the land of Promise for Israel? How could freed be a blessing and / or a curse for them?*
- 5) *How are we to tell the story of the Bible- to know it as God gives it to us or do we have the freedom to tell it like we want to?*
- 6) *How was Israel to pass on the story of God to their children? Is teaching enough, or does our life play a part?*
- 7) *What are symbolized with Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal? How does this play into our lives in Christ today? How does Ephesians 6:1-4 summarize God's heart on how we are to pass on this legacy in ways that invite through nurturing?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Time read Deuteronomy Chapter 12:1-32**