
Life-shaping significance...

1. God's word reveals His wisdom to unbelievers, and obedience to His word makes His redeemed people's lives attractive. How attractive is your life as a Christ-follower to those around you (Matthew 5:14-16)?
2. How are you to deal with anything/anyone who poses a threat to your exclusive loyalty to Jesus? What competing threats do you face? And how can you eliminate these threats?
3. There are dire consequences when you disobey God's word. How can you be sure not to forget the LORD your God who redeemed you?
4. Disobedience to God's word resulted in them being expelled from the land, yet there was a promise for restoration? What must you do to return to the LORD if you've drifted, strayed, or departed from Him?
5. God's track record proves that He alone is God; there is no other. What evidence proves this as you look back?

Prayer points...

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Studies in Deuteronomy 1-11

Live life like this!

Exclusive worship

Deuteronomy 4:1-43



The story so far...

The journey to the land of promise that had lasted thirty-eight long years was now in its final stage. With the Promised Land now in sight, Moses speaks God's words to the next generation to motivate them from history to trust God to enter the land. Past conquests that God wrought victoriously against hostile nations en route was intended to build confidence to trust God to do the same to the nations they'd encounter as they enter the land. So would this next generation trust God - unlike the previous generation? God's desire is to give them the land. And Moses allocates this conquered territory to some tribes as their inheritance. But tragically Moses is excluded from entering the Promised Land because he didn't obey God's word. So he is charged to equip Joshua as his successor to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land to take possession of it - just as God had promised.

God spoke these words...

Moses speaks God's word to the next generation to prepare them to live in the land God promised to their ancient ancestors as he won't be permitted to enter the Promised Land (1-9).

1. Why does Moses give these instructions (1-2)?
2. What lesson was learnt at Baal Peor (3-4 [Numbers 25:1-9])? And why is this incident cited now?

3. What will their obedience to these instructions reveal (6-8)?
4. How will their obedience to the words they heard God speak at Horeb be compromised (9)? And how can they combat this happenings?

Moses looks back to their encounter with God where He spoke to them at Horeb. Then he highlights a specific danger that they'd face when they live in the land that would jeopardize their exclusive worship (10-31).

5. Why did God speak to them at Horeb (10-13)?
6. What role did God assign to Moses (14)?
7. God spoke with words, but they never saw His form. Why is this so significant in light of what they'd encounter from those occupying the land (15-20)?
8. Why does Moses remind them that he has been excluded from entering the Promised Land (21-24)?

9. What dire consequence awaits if/when they become corrupt and compromise their exclusive worship of the LORD their God (25-28)?
10. In the future when they experience God's judgement and are expelled from the land, what will secure their return to the land (29-31)?

Moses details the incredible privilege extended to them to know God and belong to Him as His redeemed people (32-40).

11. Why does Moses remind them of their unique history (32-36)?
12. Why was God pleased to give them the land (37-38)?
13. Why must they listen and hear God's voice (39-40)?

New Testament connections...

Read Matthew 1:21-23

1. How are you guaranteed of the privilege of God's presence with you?

Read 1 John 1:8-2:2

2. When you succumb to sin and risk exclusion from the LORD, what must you do to return to the LORD?