
Life-shaping significance...

1. How does God speak to us today (John 1:1 & Hebrews 1:1-2)?
 - a. How committed are you to listen and obey His word?
 - b. How distinctive is your lifestyle as a follower of Jesus?
2. The Israelites were terrified when they encountered with the LORD at Horeb. How have you experienced a far greater privilege of hearing and seeing God (John 1:18 & 1 John 1:1)?
3. From lessons learnt courtesy of God's redeemed people, why can't anyone be saved by keeping the 10 commandments (Matt. 19:16-22)?
4. God gave the 10 commandments to show His wisdom; obedience to them makes an attractive lifestyle. Which of the commandments do you struggle to keep? Pray for one another to be able to be more obedient.
5. What evidence is there in your life that you truly revere/fear the Lord? How will this be seen practically in your everyday life?

Prayer points...

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Studies in Deuteronomy 1-11

Live life like this!



The ten words

Deuteronomy 4:41 - 6:3

The story so far...

Moses was instructed to teach God's redeemed people to listen to His word and to follow Him faithfully so that it will go well with them as they live in the land. Painful lessons from the past ought to dissuade them from disobeying God's word. And living according to God's word will make their lifestyle attractive to the other nations; for who has such an immense privilege of having their God near them, like they do? They were warned sternly that it is easy to forget the LORD or to be unfaithful by worshipping idols - the idols of the nations that they're going to defeat. But by abandoning the exclusive worship of the LORD their God will incur devastating consequences; they'll be exiled from the land to live in a land where the inhabitants worship idols. Yet there is a way back: for if they seek the LORD wholeheartedly, they will find Him; and He will restore them to the land. Finally, by looking back over their history, they'll conclude that there is only one God.

God spoke these words...

Once again Moses instructs the Israelites in God's word; this is really important as he will not cross over to enter the promised land with them so they need to hear God's word afresh (4:41-49).

1. Why are these cities of refuge established (4:41-43 [see 5:17])?
2. What is the significance of where Moses delivers his speech (4:44-49)?

Moses commands the Israelites to learn and follow God's instructions; for God made a binding agreement with them at Horeb (5:1-22).

3. With whom did the LORD God speak these words (5:1-5)? Interesting!

4. The LORD God redeemed them from slavery in Egypt. Why is this such an important preface to the ten words spoken to them at Horeb (5:6)?

5. Moses restates the ten words God gave him at Horeb. List them briefly:
 - 5.1. (verse 7)
 - 5.2. (verses 8-10)
 - 5.3. (verse 11)
 - 5.4. (verses 12-15)
 - 5.5. (verse 16)
 - 5.6. (verse 17)
 - 5.7. (verse 18)
 - 5.8. (verse 19)
 - 5.9. (verse 20)
 - 5.10. (verse 21)

6. What will the outcome be of obedience to these ten words?

7. Why did God engrave these ten words on stone tablets (5:22)?

Moses restates the details of the extremely scary encounter with the LORD God at the Horeb where they heard His voice (5:23-6:3).

8. What did this scary encounter reveal about God (5:23-24)

9. Why were they so fearful when they heard God's voice (5:25-26)?

10. What promise do they make when they assigned Moses to represent them before the LORD to hear God speak to him on their behalf (5:27)?

11. How does the LORD reveal His heart for those He has redeemed (5:28-29)?

12. The LORD commands Moses to instruct them how to live life when they enter the land. What desired outcome will obedience ensure (5:30-6:3)?

New Testament connections...

Read Matthew 22:37-40

1. How does Jesus summarize the ten words concisely?

Read Hebrews 12:18-29

2. Why should no one refuse to hear when God speaks?