
Life-shaping significance...

1. How can you keep the command to love God wholeheartedly?
2. How effectively are you teaching your children to obey God?
 - a. Where are opportunities to instruct them to listen to God's word?
 - b. What story do you tell your children to motivate them to follow Jesus wholeheartedly?
3. How can you help your children not to repeat the mistakes you've made when you disobeyed God by disregarding His word?
4. What other gods threaten your exclusive allegiance to the LORD God?
5. How can you cultivate a healthy fear/reverence for God?

Prayer points...

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Studies in Deuteronomy 1-11

Live life like this!

Love the Lord your God

Deuteronomy 6:1-25



The story so far...

God spoke the ten words to the Israelites whom He liberated from slavery in Egypt; He spoke these words to them at Horeb. Moses now reminds this next generation that their parents were terrified when they heard God's voice; they were concerned that He would consume them and they'd die. So they assigned Moses to listen to God on their behalf, and pledged themselves to listen to him and obey God's words. God also wrote these ten words on stone. So Moses urges this next generation who are about to enter the land God promised to them to learn these instructions and follow them wholeheartedly - unlike their parents' generation.

God spoke these words...

Moses reminds this next generation that God spoke to them at Horeb. Now he speaks God's words to them as they prepare to enter the land to ensure their wholehearted devotion to the LORD God (1-3).

1. What motivation does Moses give them to keep these instructions (1-2)?
2. What will ensure that successive generations enjoy life in the land (3)?

Moses was entrusted by God to teach these redeemed people all God's instructions. And by cultivating a healthy fear of God, showing God the reverence He warrants, will stand them in good stead to benefit from all God's promises.

When they enter the land they are to show that they are the redeemed people the LORD their God rescued from slavery in Egypt (4-9).

3. What is affirmed about the LORD God (4)? Why?
4. What must characterize their relationship with the LORD God (5)?
5. Why are they commanded to have God's words on their hearts (6)?
6. What responsibility rests on them for the next generation (7-9)?

God promised to give them the land; this was a promise He made to their ancient ancestors. But dangers lurk that will threaten to compromise their allegiance to the LORD their God that must be avoided (10-19).

7. How will the prospects that await them when they enter the land potentially cause their downfall (10-12)?
8. However, what will ensure that they remain loyal to the LORD their God (13)?

There is only one true God; He alone is God. But there are other gods; for the nations who now live in the land that God promised to His redeemed people worship other gods – who are really no gods at all!

9. Why will a compromised loyalty to the LORD God be detrimental (14-15)?
10. What lessons are they to learn from past experience (16 [Exodus 17:1-7])?
11. What will obedience to the LORD God accomplish (18-19)?

It is imperative that all successive generations are instructed in God's word spoken to them to live a life that pleases the LORD (20-25).

12. How will successive generations learn to ensure that they remain loyal to the LORD God who redeemed them (20-24)?
13. What outcome will obedience produce (25)?

New Testament connections...

Read Matthew 22:37-40

1. According to Jesus, what is the greatest commandment?

Read Matthew 4:1-10

2. How did Jesus refuse to test God when faced with temptation?