

DEUTERONOMY

Handwritten Hebrew text from the book of Deuteronomy, showing the beginning of a chapter with the word "וְהָיָה" (And it shall be) visible at the top. The text is written in a traditional square script on aged parchment.

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**“THESE ARE MY WORDS
THAT I SPOKE TO YOU
WHILE I WAS STILL WITH YOU,
THAT EVERYTHING WRITTEN
ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES
AND THE PROPHETS AND THE
PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED.”**

~JESUS

DEUTERONOMY 1-2

Welcome to The End of the beginning! We have been reading the first five books of the Bible. In Hebrew, they were known as the “Torah.” In Greek, they were known as the “Pentateuch” or “Five Scrolls.” As we read Deuteronomy, we will see why they are also called The Law Of Moses.

Make no mistake, this is the Law of the LORD. Yahweh is communicating with his covenant people Israel. By reading through the Law, we come away with a strong sense of who God is in his holiness and who we are in our sin. But God is communicating his Law through the man he has chosen: Moses.

***“Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab,
Moses undertook to explain this law...”***

~Deuteronomy 1:5

In Deuteronomy, Moses is going to make the Law clear to the new generation of Israel that is getting ready to take possession of the promised land. In Greek, Deuteronomy means “the second telling of the Law.” Moses is going to review the history of Israel since God delivered them out of Egypt. He is going to give them the Ten Commandments again. He is going to clarify for them the blessings of obedience along with the curses they will experience for not listening.

Moses is going to make it very clear God has set the promised land before them (1:8 & 1:21). All they have to do is seize it!

***“The LORD your God who goes before you will himself
fight for you...”***

~Deuteronomy 1:30

On the cover is one of the Dead Sea Scrolls from the Israel Museum. These scrolls were discovered in the caves of Qumran in the 1940s. They prove without a doubt that the Law, Prophets and Writings were all written before the time of Jesus. Deuteronomy is one of the top 3 books found among the scrolls, along with Isaiah and Psalms. Deuteronomy is quoted extensively by the prophets, psalmists, Jesus and the apostles. This is the masterpiece of Moses. He has written 4 scrolls already telling the story of God and his chosen nation. Next, Joshua will take the lead of God's people as he fulfills his promise of the land. This is The End for Moses. This is his commentary on the Law he has written just as the LORD commanded him. This is his fifth scroll and final word. This is Deuteronomy.

If you had to write a final word for everyone to read, what would you say:

DEUTERONOMY 3-4

I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO WITNESS AGAINST YOU TODAY!

Moses is a prophet (**Deuteronomy 18:15 & 34:10**). When we hear the word prophet, we often think of a man of God who said something that was going to happen in the future. However, this is not the only thing prophets do. Prophets also take the Word of God from the past and apply it to his people in the present. This is what Moses is doing with this new generation of Israel. He is reviewing the Law to prepare them for the promised land. Applying God's Word to his people in the present is similar to what happens every weekend at Compass HB! We study ancient Scripture and the Holy Spirit speaks to us today!

In Chapter 3, Moses continues his brief history of the wanderings of Israel in the wilderness. In Chapter 4, he begins his charge for God's people to obey the Law so they will be blessed. Towards the end of chapter 4 he begins to prophesy about the future: If Israel does evil, the Lord will drive them out of the land. In **Deuteronomy 4:26**, he calls two witnesses against them. One witness is heaven. The second is earth.

The first time I read about heaven and earth being witnesses, I thought this was some sort of expression or poetic phrase. I was surprised later on to learn another prophet, Isaiah, called these two witnesses again:

“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: “Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.”

~Isaiah 1:2

You may know Isaiah for his famous prophecies that tell the future. He prophesied the virgin birth in **Isaiah 7:14**. He prophesied the birth of a king in **Isaiah 9:6-7**. He prophesied the death of a suffering servant on the cross in **Isaiah 53**. All these prophecies are fulfilled by Jesus hundreds of years later! But do you know the main thing the prophet Isaiah did? He applied the book of Deuteronomy to God's people during his time. In **Isaiah 1:2** he is directly referring to **Deuteronomy 4:26**. He is letting the people of Israel know that they are doing evil and should be driven out of their land. Heaven and earth are witnesses against them.

Read Jeremiah 2:12-13. What two evils can the heavens witness the people of Israel doing?

Read Jeremiah 6:19. What can the earth witness they are not doing?

What are the two roles we should expect to see from a prophet?

How do these evils of Israel compare with the church in America today?

DEUTERONOMY 5

The LAW is so nice, let's read it twice!

Welcome to the Ten Commandments part two! The name Ten Commandments was actually used in **Exodus 34:28**. Moses refers to the Ten Commandments two times in Deuteronomy (**4:13** and **10:4**). In today's chapter, Moses takes the people of Israel back to Mount Sinai where God made a covenant with them.

After reading all of **Deuteronomy 5**, go back and read **Exodus 20** again. What do you notice is different between these two accounts of the Ten Commandments?

What sticks out to you about the Ten Commandments as you read them today?

One of the main takeaways from the Ten Commandments is that God is not going to speak directly to his people. The people cannot handle him. God says the people are right to ask for a man to speak for him. Enter Moses. Enter the prophets. Enter any man who stands in the gap and speaks on behalf of God to his people.

The Ten Commandments is really the foundation for the entire book of Deuteronomy. Moses has spent time in the presence of the Lord. He has heard all the Lord commanded. Now he is taking what God has said and is saying it to his people. That's why it is so important for us to study Moses' commentary on the Law, because he is a man speaking for God.

Read Deuteronomy 5:31. Who has taught you the word of God?

Did you listen like this person was speaking on God's behalf?

DEUTERONOMY 6

As some of you may know, before we planted Compass HB in 2014, I spent 12 years of my life working with high school students in the church. The hardest part of this was not working with the teenagers. I loved them! It was working with the parents who were not parenting. Parents expected me to teach their children the Bible. Some of them put their kids in Christian schools so they would be taught the Bible. But as we learned from **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** in our sermon Revival For Your Family:

PARENTS ARE BIBLE TEACHERS AT HOME!!!

If you are a parent, how are you doing at teaching God's word diligently to your children?

If you are NOT a parent, do you study the Bible like someday you will be a teacher of it?

When your son asks you in time to come..."

-Deuteronomy 6:20

The expectation is there will be a Pop Quiz for our Bible teaching at home. The quiz is not for the kids. It is for the parents! Your kids are going to ask YOU the questions. You need to be ready to give them a Bible answer! This is why we all need to have God's Word on our hearts!

"Then you shall say to your son..."

-Deuteronomy 6:21

Moses teaches the people of Israel to share their testimony. He says they should be ready to answer how God delivered them out of Egypt and brought them to the promised land.

Have you ever shared the gospel with a child? Have you ever shared your testimony to lead someone to Christ?

Are God's Words on your heart, so you even have the credibility to teach them?

*For more on this go to FAMILY BIBLE TIME with Pastor Bill this Sunday 9:00am @ The Bible Class at our church.

DEUTERONOMY 7

HOW ODD OF GOD TO CHOOSE THE JEWS!

I once heard a pastor quote this line in a sermon. The internal rhyme has stuck in my mind ever since. I hope it stays with you too!

Deuteronomy 7:6 says out of all the nations on earth, Israel is God's chosen people.

Deuteronomy 7:7 says it was not because of the number of Israelites that God chose them.

“But it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers...”

~Deuteronomy 7:8

Moses makes it very clear this covenant did not initiate with the Israelites. It began with God's love. In **Deuteronomy 7:9-10** he reviews who God is from how God introduced himself in **Exodus 34:6-7**. Go back to Exodus and read that passage about how Moses got to see the glory of God. Here he is 40 years later making it clear to God's people that this is not about them, but about God and his glory!

In what ways are you tempted to make life about you and not the glory of God?

Read Ephesians 1:3-6. Why does it say God “chose” or “predestined” us to be saved in Jesus?

Why do people today struggle with the idea that our Christian life begins with God choosing us, just like he did with the Israelites?

*For more on this listen to #Loved from Ephesians 1:4-6 on January 14, 2018 at compasshb.com/sermons/

DEUTERONOMY 8-9

Jesus used Deuteronomy to resist the Devil!

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus goes into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He experiences hunger and thirst just like the people of Israel did in their wilderness wanderings. Three times the devil comes to tempt him. Three times Jesus responds with “It is written...” All three times Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy.

“...That he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

-Deuteronomy 8:3

This is the verse Jesus uses the first time he is tempted by the devil. The second time he quotes **Deuteronomy 6:16** about not putting the LORD your God to the test. The third time he quotes **Deuteronomy 6:13** about serving God alone.

Have you ever thought Deuteronomy could be the key to defeating sin in your life? That’s how Jesus used it. He had the Law hidden in his heart that he might not sin against God (**Psalms 119:11**). What is a verse from Deuteronomy you can memorize to resist temptation this week?

Are you starting to see the importance of reading Deuteronomy? These are the words of Moses, applying the Law to the generation of Israel going into the promised land. These are the words quoted by Isaiah, writing to God's people who are going to be driven out of the land 700 years later. These are the same words used by Jesus to thwart the temptation of the devil 700 years after that! These words do not just apply to one place at one time. These are the words of God and they will speak for all of eternity!

In **Deuteronomy 8:11**, Moses warns Israel not to forget God. He speaks of a day when they will not be hungry, but will have eaten and be full. He speaks of a day when they will have built houses and live in them. He warns them there is a real temptation to have their hearts lifted up, to forget God and all he has said to them. How are you tempted to forget God and not obey his voice today?

DEUTERONOMY 10

WARNING: Today's reading uses a word that may not be understood by children.

“Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.”

-Deuteronomy 10:16

Circumcision can be an awkward thing for us to talk about today. Clearly, this was not the case for the people of Israel, if Moses is using circumcision for an analogy of a changed heart. As Moses tells the people the Law for a second time, he is going to bring up many things we have already gone over in the first four scrolls. To truly understand the book of Deuteronomy we are going to need to go back to these other books.



5 SCROLL FLASHBACK

Welcome to the first of four flashbacks to the previous writings of Moses. Today's flashback takes us all the way back to the book of Genesis, when God establishes his covenant with Abraham. In **Genesis 17:9-14**, God commands every male among Abraham's offspring to be circumcised. Any male among them who is not circumcised has broken the covenant. The idea for our chapter in Deuteronomy today is willingness. The people of Israel need to stop being stubborn. If they are not willing to change, then they have an uncircumcised heart.

Read Deuteronomy 30:6 where it says God will circumcise their hearts. This is a reference to a later time when God will turn the hearts of his people back to him. God will gather his people from where they have been scattered back to the promised land once again. This may also refer to the work of regeneration God will do in the hearts of those he saves in the new covenant. To study this new covenant that we are living in **Read Jeremiah 31:33-34 & 32:37-41. Read Ezekiel 36:24-28.** How would you describe this work God has done to change your heart when he saved you as one of his people?

DEUTERONOMY 11-12

“You shall therefore LOVE the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.”

-Deuteronomy 11:1

As we begin our reading today, we should all take a moment to stop and apologize to the Law. I grew up in church hearing the Law was just a list of rules. I heard it was what the Jews had to do to be righteous. Turns out that was just a bunch of chronological snobbery, where the church of Jesus in the new covenant says bad things about the old covenant of Israel. Turns out we were wrong.

What we are reading today says the Greatest Commandment has always been the motivation to obey all of God’s commands. We obey God because we love him. We have a relationship with him. We are responding to his covenant he has already made with us.

Can you honestly say you love God with all your heart?

Read John 14:15-24. In these verses, there are four different ways Jesus says if we love him we will keep his commandments. What can you learn from these verses about the relationship we already have with Jesus? How does he describe the eternal life we have with him and the Father? Make a list of what Jesus says here about you:

After listing what Jesus says about his relationship with you, what is your response to Jesus?

DEUTERONOMY 13-14

Read Deuteronomy 13:6-11. These verses are a great example of how the book of Deuteronomy works. God's first of ten commands was to have no other gods before him. Here we read the commentary of Moses on that first commandment and how he applies it in a shocking and personal way. Let's think through what Moses says here together:

6 If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known

Observe the way Moses describes our personal relationships. He speaks of the physical intimacy of marriage. He speaks of the knit souls of friendship. He is trying to help us think through how to respond if even the closest human relationship we have tempts us to turn away from God.

7 some of the gods of the people who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other,

Included in the temptation, is the desire to be like other people around us. Why can't we fit in? Why do we have to be set apart in our exclusive worship of God?

8 you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him.

Even if you love this person, you cannot let them lead you away. God must come first! We cannot let any human relationship come between us and our worship of God!

Read Matthew 10:34-39 & Luke 14:25-27. Can you say Jesus is first place in your life over all other relationships?

These verses from Deuteronomy go on to say you are responsible to kill the person who tempted you to turn away from God! How intense is THAT?! It is hard for me to even imagine killing one of my close friends or family members. It is hard for me to think of turning someone I love in for their sin of idolatry so that they will be stoned. But that is exactly what Moses is commanding the Israelites to do! He literally says to not act on your compassionate feelings for them. He is saying this as a warning to shake up the entire nation!

Obviously, we are not living in the nation of ancient Israel. We are not commanded to have anyone stoned for idolatry. But Jesus makes it clear that we must still live in a way where our relationship with him is most important. No matter what our loved ones may say to us, Jesus must always come first.

As much as we love our friends! As much as we love our family! They did not die for our sins! They did not save our souls! Only Jesus can be God in our lives! Only Jesus loves us the most! Jesus will be first place in our hearts or he will be no place at all.

There is no one else for me, none but Jesus!

DEUTERONOMY 15-16



5 SCROLL FLASHBACK

Today's reading in **Deuteronomy 16** takes us back to the book of Exodus. Do you remember the first time we read about the Passover in **Exodus 12**? I remember preaching on the Passover lamb and how it was fulfilled by Jesus dying on the cross for our sins in **John 19**! He was a sacrifice without blemish! There was a hyssop branch! Not one of his bones was broken! I can still remember how excited our church was to see the connection between the blood on the doorposts and the blood of Jesus that paid for our souls! Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

This is what is so amazing about the Law! The Passover is not only how God delivered his people from Egypt. The Passover is not just a yearly feast for Israel to remember. The Passover is also a prophecy fulfilled by Jesus. Once again, we see Deuteronomy does not apply to one place at one time. It is the eternal word of God that always applies.

Reading about the Passover today should remind us about how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. The Feast of the Passover for the people of Israel is similar to what communion is today for us in the church. It reminds us of the sacrifice that purchased our salvation!

Write out a prayer. Thank God for his lamb that took away your sins. Tell him what Jesus means to you today:

*For more on this listen to Behold the Lamb from Exodus 12:3 on December 8, 2019 at compasshb.com/sermons/

DEUTERONOMY 17

GOLD, GALS & GIDDY-UP!

I can still remember hearing this line my freshmen year of college. I was sitting in my Old Testament Survey class when my professor said it. I remember walking out of class and talking with Christa San Nicolas who I had met earlier that semester in the dish room of the school cafeteria. Little did I know she would become my wife! Little did I know studying the Bible would become my life!

My professor was teaching us the Law of Kings from **Deuteronomy 17**. This is an example of Moses prophesying into a future time where the nation of Israel would have a king like the other nations around them. However, the king is commanded not to acquire many horses or many wives or much silver and gold. I can still remember how the professor broke it down:

GOLD: The king cannot have much wealth because then he will trust in his ability to buy peace with his enemies rather than for God to protect him from his enemies.

GALS: The king cannot have many wives because then he will trust in his political alliances with other nations rather than the God of all nations.

GIDDY-UP: The king cannot acquire many horses because then he will trust in his army rather than the arm of the Lord to fight for him.

What are you tempted to trust in rather than the Lord?

In **Deuteronomy 17:18-20**, the king is commanded to write himself a copy of the Law! And people have acted like our church is intense just because we are reading the Law. Can you imagine writing out a copy of the Five Scrolls of Moses for yourself? Take a look at the Hebrew writing on the cover of this booklet... I'll wait. Can you imagine writing that for Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy?

After writing out his own personal copy, the king was commanded to read the Law all the days of his life. The point of reading the law every day is to fear the Lord and keep his commandments. This is the beginning of wisdom. The king needs wisdom if he is going to lead God's people. He needs to be humble so he will remain dependent upon the Lord rather than turning elsewhere in life.

Where are you tempted to turn rather than the pages of God's Word?

What is your response after reading the Law of the King today?

DEUTERONOMY 18



5 SCROLL FLASHBACK

Today's reading in **Deuteronomy 18** takes us back to the book of Leviticus. The first words of today's chapter are "The Levitical priests..." Can you remember when we started reading Leviticus? You could feel the stiffness in the room as our church started to turn the pages of the Bible. We were not sure what we were going to get out of this book. But after our study I had people tell me Leviticus was their favorite book of the Bible! People walked up to me in the hall and said they were experiencing a revival! Compass HB is now a Leviticus slander-free zone! Praise the LORD for his Law! Jesus is the sacrifice for our atonement. Jesus is our high priest who is in the tabernacle of heaven right now. God answered our prayer and opened our eyes to see wondrous things from his Law, to have a high view of who he is in his holiness.

What is something you learned from Leviticus you are not going to forget?

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 describe the nations God is commanding Israel to drive out of the promised land. These nations are an abomination: “anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead... (**Deuteronomy 18:10-11**).” As I read these verses, I cannot help but think of the fortune-tellers I drive by here in Huntington Beach. I cannot help but think of people I have met who were demon possessed because they got involved in witchcraft and sorcery. I am reminded that our nation of America is an abomination to the Lord.

How are you doing at praying for a revival in America?

*For more on this listen to What’s Wrong With America? from Leviticus 18 on January 19, 2020 at compasshb.com/sermons/

DEUTERONOMY 19-20



Today's reading in **Deuteronomy 20** takes us back to the book of Numbers. "When you go out to war against your enemies..." I remember going around our church asking people, "Why are there so many numbers in Numbers?" Not one person told me why they took the census. But now many at our church would immediately say because the Israelites were going to war!

While our church went through the book of Numbers, I saw people take their faith in God's promises more seriously. I talked to many who were convicted about their complaining. I even had conversations after church services where people wanted to repent of sin and believe in Jesus to be saved! They prayed right there with me after the service! People are getting saved from hearing the book of Numbers! Praise the LORD!

What was one thing you learned from reading the book of Numbers?

“For the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.”

-Deuteronomy 20:4

How are you doing at remembering you are in a spiritual war?

What victory are you experiencing as God fights for you?

DEUTERONOMY 21

DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS

Scripture tells us that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. **2 Timothy 3:2** says a sign of this is people will be disobedient to their parents. **Romans 1:29-32** lists disobedience to parents as one of the sins that show we have denied God and been given over to a debased mind. “Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.” Surely we can see this in the American family today.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 reads as a stark contrast to our contemporary culture. Instead of tolerating children who disobey, the Law of Moses says they should be put to death. Moses gives further commentary on the command to honor our father and mother. He describes the stubborn and rebellious son who will not do this. Even though his parents discipline him, he will not listen to them. This child is to be brought to the elders of the city. He is to be stoned to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from among you. How many children would need to be stoned before others would change their ways and begin to obey? If we were still living with the death penalty for disobedience to parents today, who would still be alive?

Parents, do you discipline your children?

Children, do you obey your parents?

Ephesians 6:1-4 gives clear instruction for the family. Children are to hear what their parents say and obey them. Fathers are to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. The breakdown of the family has had a devastating effect on our country. Back in **Deuteronomy 6**, we talked about a Revival For Your Family.

Are you experiencing a revival at your home as you get into the Bible together?

For those of you who are single or do not have children in your home, who are you sharing your reading of the Bible with?

DEUTERONOMY 22

WARNING: Today's reading talks about cross-dressing and will bring up the contemporary idea of being transgender.

“A woman shall not wear a man’s garment, nor shall a man put on a woman’s cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.”

-Deuteronomy 22:5

Who knew one of the latest trends in our American culture would be rebuked by the ancient Law of Israel? The LORD did! Once again, this helps us see Deuteronomy does not apply at one place or one time. It is the eternal word of God for all time. God created us male and female. It is an abomination to the Lord for a man to dress like a woman or a woman to dress like a man. Abominations to the LORD do not change based on country or geography.

Unfortunately, instead of submitting to the authority of the Law, many today will argue against it. There are verses later on in this chapter people like to use to discredit this clear teaching on cross-dressing in verse 5. Surely, they would argue, it is ridiculous that you cannot sow with two kinds of seed (**Deuteronomy 22:9**) or plow with an ox and a donkey together (**Deuteronomy 22:10**) or that you shall not wear cloth of wool and linen mixed together (**Deuteronomy 22:11**). Why would we need tassels on the four corners of our garments (**Deuteronomy 22:12**)? The challenge, they would say, is why are we saying cross-dressing is still wrong when we are not wearing tassels?

#1. **Read Leviticus 19:19.** Notice a similar list of commands about mixing cattle, seed, and materials. However, I have never heard anyone try to discredit the command given in the verse immediately before it: “you shall LOVE your neighbor as yourself (**Leviticus 19:18**).” Why do critics of the Bible only go after the commands that are no longer culturally acceptable? Is our culture now in authority over Scripture rather than Scripture being in authority over us?

#2. The ox and donkey are examples of a clean and an unclean animal that cannot go together. According to **Deuteronomy 14:3-8**, the ox is a clean animal which may be eaten but the donkey is not. However, in **Mark 7:19** Jesus declares all foods clean. This is an example of a command that is clearly referred to later in Scripture as something that does not continue to apply. Christians today are not commanded to stick with the dietary requirements of the Law. Other examples like sacrifice, priesthood and Sabbath rest are fulfilled by Christ and do not continue into the church age of the new covenant as discussed in the book of Hebrews.

#3. When Moses gave the command about the tassels in **Numbers 15:37-41** he was clearly speaking to the people of Israel. One thing we can all understand is the law of the land. As Americans, we do not expect to be held accountable to the laws of Canada. So, if a law was specifically for Israel, it is not applied to all people.

The key word here is “abomination.” As we read through the Law “abominations” are consistently applied to all nations.

DEUTERONOMY 23-24

“Because the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.”

-Deuteronomy 23:14

The people of Israel had a unique situation out of all the nations. God was in the midst of their camp. Because of his presence dwelling among them in the tabernacle, this raised a major concern about things being “clean.”

Today things are both **different** and the **same**.

Different because we do not have the same kind of physical manifestation of God’s presence. We do not have a tabernacle or temple. There is no ark of the covenant. This is why we are not concerned if we are physically “clean” to enter God’s presence. We are clean in Christ.

Same because God is still in our midst. He is among us as his people. His Spirit is in us. And while we may not need to be physically “clean” through the washing of hands or other cleansing rituals, we need to be holy in spirit before our God. We need to be clean from sin. We need to be honorable vessels in the hands of our master so he can use us for his glory.

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.

In response to verses 9-10, what does it mean to you to be one of God's people?

In response to verses 11-12, how are we commanded to conduct ourselves among the non-Christians around us? Are you living like this?

DEUTERONOMY 25-26

Deuteronomy 25:5-10 has an interesting connection to the book of Ruth. This year our women studied the book of Ruth at the Redeemed Retreat! **Read Ruth 4**. How is Boaz applying these verses of the Law so that he can marry Ruth?

If you are a woman who went to the retreat, what did you take away from the weekend? How are you applying it to your life?

If you are a man, what can you learn from the example of Boaz?

If you are a woman, what do you learn from the example of Ruth?

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it”

-Deuteronomy 26:1

Even though the people have not entered the land yet, this chapter already tells them how to respond when they get there. Because of all God is going to give them, he is preparing them for what they are going to give back! This is similar to what happens at our church services. We recount what God has given to us in his Son. We respond with praise and giving back to him!

What has God given you?

How do you respond by giving back to him?

DEUTERONOMY 27-28

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: CURSES OR BLESSINGS

We are now coming to The End of The End. We are approaching the last chapters of the last book of the Law. The ending of Deuteronomy is one of the clearest choices in all of Scripture. If you obey the Law of the LORD you will be blessed. If you disobey God's commands you will be cursed.

After reading these two chapters, what is a curse that scared you as a consequence for sin?

“If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may FEAR this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God”

~Deuteronomy 28:58

Along with love, fearing the LORD has been a primary response throughout Deuteronomy. **Read Proverbs 14:26-27.** How is fearing the Lord actually a positive motivation to obey his commands?

Can you say you fear the Lord?

DEUTERONOMY 29-30

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

~Deuteronomy 29:29

I remember when God gave me the idea to go through the Law at our church. He gave me the idea to go through it in 5 months, one book a month. We would preach it, talk about it in our fellowship groups and encourage everyone to read it through these booklets. It was an answer to all of our prayers as to what to do after 260 chapters of Scripture of the Day!

I did not know any church that had gone through the Law like this. Some of my favorite preachers had never even preached a sermon from Leviticus or Numbers. But I knew God wanted to reveal himself to us. I believed we would experience a revival through rediscovering the foundation of the Bible.

If you are still reading and working through this booklet, I am so thankful for you. If you read through all 5 books of the Law and did all of the booklets, I want you to know you are making my job as a pastor a joy! Praise the Lord for all he is revealing to us from the words of this law!

We are definitely coming away from the Law with a higher view of God and a deeper understanding of our sin. We have even seen epic prophecies fulfilled by Jesus! But as we learn more about God we must also acknowledge this, there is more to him than we can know. To him, belong the secret things!

Read Isaiah 55:6-11. What are some of the secret things that are too high for us to comprehend about God?

What has God revealed to you through this study of the word?

Read James 4:17. What is something very clear that God has revealed for you to do? What is this next step of obedience?

DEUTERONOMY 31-32

Who's ready to read the book of Joshua?!

As we read **Deuteronomy 31** about the passing of the baton from Moses to Joshua, what stood out to you about this transition of leadership?

***“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak
and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.”***
~Deuteronomy 32:1

Did you notice the reference to the two witnesses of Israel (**Deuteronomy 4:26**)? These witnesses are also referenced in **Deuteronomy 30:19** and **Deuteronomy 31:28**. Unfortunately, these witnesses are going to be called against Israel in the future.

What line from the Song of Moses stood out to you the most?
Why?

DEUTERONOMY 33-34

Did you shed a tear when Moses died? It is amazing how even though Moses lived so long ago and we have never met him, he still made such an impact on our lives by writing the Law. How has this experience of reading the Law together as a church impacted you?

Are you going to keep reading through Joshua and Judges with us?

What do you need to keep doing to get in the Word every day?

What do you need to change about your study habits of the Bible moving forward?