
Day 85 (Deuteronomy 5-6)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

Deuteronomy was written by Moses just before Israel would step into the Promise land. A finale address to a people he has led for over 40 years. So it is quite fitting that he would take this time to remind them of the 10 Commandments they received some 40 years ago. Why is this important for them to remember?

Why do you think it was important for Moses to point out the fact that these commandments were given to the people and not just to their Forefathers?

After Moses reminded Israel of the laws of God in chapter 6 He tells them how to best live it out. How does Moses say to live out the commandments? How are you doing with this?

After Moses tells Israel they are to live out the Law, he commands them to teach them to their children. Why is it so important for parents to teach their children the ways of the Lord? What could happen if they don't?

APPLYING ACTION

God tells Israel that they should bind His law on their eyes, to be frontlets between their eyes. How are you doing with binding God's word to your heart?

God tells Israel that they should tell the stories of God's faithful saving to their children. What stories of God's faithfulness in your life could you share? And who could you share it with?

What idea, verse, or phrase can change my experience today?

Day 86 (Deuteronomy 7-8)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

In chapter 7 Moses starts to remind Israel where they came from, and who they are now. That they were chosen by God, for no other reason than that He wanted to. That the God of all creation chose them. Set them apart from the rest of the world.

Why do you think God told Israel to be sure they committed everything from these nations to destruction? What does this tell us about how we should treat things that are not of God?

There is a recurring theme found all through Deuteronomy of "remember the commands of God". Why do you think it was so important for the nation of Israel to remember the commands of God when they were about to go into the Promise land? Why is it important for us to remember the commands of God?

God ends chapter 8 by with a stern warning to Israel. He says remember your God and all He has done. And if you don't and you go after others god's know you will surely perish. What does this tell us about how God feels about our worship?

APPLYING ACTION

God tells Israel that they must remember all that He has done for them as they prepare to go to battle. How would that help them in their venture? How could doing the same thing help us in our lives?

What battles in your life are you afraid of? Are you remembering the things God has done for you?

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Day 87 (Deuteronomy 9-10)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

In chapter 9 Moses reminds Israel that they are about to inherit the Promise land but it isn't because they deserve it. They didn't earn it. Not their righteousness, but the unrighteousness of the people there now. What does this tell us about how we should view our salvation and those around us who aren't saved?

Moses then recounts the Golden Calf "situation". Telling them it wasn't but 40 days before you sinned and forgot the commands that the Lord had just given you. What does this tell us about our proclivity to sin? What ways can we help fight against doing the same thing?

APPLYING ACTION

Verse 12 of chapter 10 has a what should be a familiar phrase of telling Israel that they are to love the Lord with all their "heart, soul, mind and strength. Repeated words are important words. So how are you doing with loving God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength?

Circumcision was to be the mark of God's people. In verse 16 we hear Moses say words that Paul the Apostle will echo thousands of years later. To circumcise your heart, and be no longer stubborn. Where are you being stubborn with God? How can you go about removing that stubbornness from your life?

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Day 88 (Deuteronomy 11-12)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

Chapter 11 starts off in a very familiar way. Just as God says in chapter 6. He has command the people of Israel to remember all that God has done for them. And to be sure they tell them to their kids. What does this tell us of the importance of the testimonies of God's people and how God has worked in each of our lives? What should we do with these testimonies?

God commands the people to be sure that they destroy all the places the nations worship their gods. Why is it so important for Israel to do this? What can we learn from this in our own life?

God sets up tithe and offerings. Saying once you have inherited the land and you gain rest, do not forget the Lord, and bring to Him your tithes and offerings. What does this mean for us today and our tithe?

APPLYING ACTION

God warns Israel to be careful that they are not caught up in a snare of false worship. Are there any snares of false worship that you often find your self stuck in? How could you guard yourself better from getting ensnared again?

God also warns that we are not to worship Him in the ways the world worships their gods. Are there things of the world that you bring into your worship of God? How can you rid yourself of those?

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Day 89 (Deuteronomy 13-14)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

Chapter 13 starts off with a reality that we today must pay much attention to. God warns Israel, that if anyone, a prophet, or dreamer of dreams says we should worship another god it is a test from God. To know if we love Him with all our heart and soul. Today many claim to be Christian and yet lead astray the people of God. Jesus called them wolves in sheep's clothing. How are you guarding yourself that you aren't led astray?

God goes on to say that if your mother, or brother or anyone tries to lead you to worship other gods, you are to kill them! What can we learn about God and our worship with this command?

The dietary restriction in the law had one purpose. To set Israel apart from the rest of the world. What are some ways God wants us to separate ourselves from the rest of the world?

APPLYING ACTION

Verse 21 in chapter 13 ends with a strange rule. That they are not to boil a young goat in its mother milk. Many believe this is a command to not take the laws of God meant for good and use them for evil. The pharisees did this. Are there any laws of God you miss use?

When God talks about tithes and offerings. Notice He never gives a reason for someone to not give them. Do you find yourself looking for reason to not give to the Lord?

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Day 90 (Deuteronomy 15-16:20)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

Israel as a nation spent the last couple generations as slaves living under the rule of a different nation. Now as they prepare to have their own land God directs Israel to be a nation that offers grace. What does this teach us of God's view on grace?

Chapter 15 starts off telling Israel what to do during a sabbatical year. A 7th year of rest, much like the 7th day of rest. What does this tell us about the importance of the sabbath? And our keeping it?

Verse 16 of chapter 16 says that that 3 times a year they were to appear before God, the Feasts of Unleavened Bread, the Feasts of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths. Celebrations commanded by God for His people. What does this reveal about the person of God to us?

APPLYING ACTION

These chapters show us a side of God that wants for us to not just follow His commands, but also to find rest. How should can this effect how you live our life?

God mandates Israel to hold these 3 feast, 3 celebrations, every year. God is a God who celebrates! How often do you celebrate God and His works? How can you be better here?

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Day 91 (Deuteronomy 16:21-18)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

Chapter 16 ends as Chapter 17 begins with another warning to the people of Israel to mind how they worship God. Why do you think God continues to remind the people of Israel not to worship false gods?

Chapter 17 ends with an odd almost out of place scripture. When we read about Israel wanting a king in 1 Samuel God warns Israel not to do this. Why do you suppose God mentions laws about a king hundreds of years before it ever happens?

Verse 9 in chapter 18 starts off warning Israel to not do things the nations they will destroy are doing. What are some of the abominations these nations are doing? Does our nation do any of these things?

APPLYING ACTION

God's standard of worship and life lived by His people is once again on display. What areas in your life do you need to work on? Is it your worship? Your practices? Or is it something else?

God tells the people that after Moses, He will raise up a new leader for them. How does it make you feel to know that God will never leave His people without one to speak to His people on His behalf?

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Day 92 (Deuteronomy 19-20)

CONSIDERING CONTENT

Cities of Refuge, God's way of covering over the mistakes of a person. A mistake that could mean the loss of life. Why do you think God had Israel create the cities of refuge?

God says the witness of one person is not sufficient but only by 2 or 3. Why would this be important to have in a society like Israel? Why would it be important today?

God sets rules for the military of Israel. One specific command is that a man who is betrothed to a wife that he would be allowed to go home and be with his wife. Why do you suppose this would be important?

APPLYING ACTION

God says that any man who is fearful should be sent away from the army. That their fear may infect those around him. This shows how our faith, or lack of faith can affect those around us. How is your faith effecting those around you? Are you giving others courage? Or fear?

God doesn't tell Israel that the wars will be quick and easy. Rather He implies the battles may last a long time. What battles are you in that have lasted a long time? How are you staying courageous through the long battle?

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