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Week #3
Study Guide

Deuteronomy

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Overview

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses is approaching the end of his life and he is attempting to share his (God's) wisdom with the Israelites as they get ready to enter the Promised Land. In his instructions, Moses repeats the laws God set down for the Israelites in the Ten Commandments. He spends the entire book explaining the commandments, why God wants his people to follow these laws, and the consequences of disobeying them.

Scripture Study – Key Passages

Open your Bible and read the following passages:

Deuteronomy 4:29

1. Why does God want the Israelites to search for Him?
2. What is God hoping to reveal to his people when they find Him?

Deuteronomy 5:33

1. The 10 commandments were given to the Israelites in the book of Exodus. Why is it necessary for Moses to repeat them again in Deuteronomy?
2. What is it about 'being human' that makes us not hear something the first time?
3. Think about a time you did not hear an instruction the first time you were told. What happened when you did not follow the instruction?
4. What does this say to you about God's patience? His forgiveness? His love?

Deuteronomy 6:5

1. According to this passage, what is the most important thing God wants from his people?
2. Why do you think it is so hard for the Israelites to love God?

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

1. What are the values Moses is trying to teach the Israelites?
2. Why does Moses clearly explain the consequences of disobedience?
3. If His nature is patient and forgiving, why do you think God punishes the disobedient?
4. What might you expect next time you disobey God?

Key Concepts

1. God is faithful.
2. God's laws are intended for good.
3. God blesses the faithful and punishes the disobedient.
4. God wants a loving relationship with his people.

Review the 10 Commandments – found in ***Exodus 20:1-17*** and ***Deuteronomy 5:6-21***. Choose one commandment and discuss it in light of each of the key concepts listed above. Continue with other commandments as you feel led or as time allows.

Reflection

1. In the first 5 books of the Bible, God reveals himself to us, expresses his desire for a loving relationship with us, and gives us the tools to maintain and grow that relationship. Reflect upon your responsibility in your relationship with God.
2. Read **Luke 10:27**. Reflect upon your relationship with others in light of this commandment from Jesus.

Prayer

Pray the following scripture and receive the blessing. Try inserting the name of someone with whom you would like to share God's love.

Deuteronomy 33:27-29:

*²⁷ The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.
He will drive out your enemies before you,
saying, 'Destroy them!'
²⁸ So Israel will live in safety;
Jacob will dwell secure
in a land of grain and new wine,
where the heavens drop dew.
²⁹ Blessed are you, Israel!
Who is like you,
a people saved by the LORD?
He is your shield and helper
and your glorious sword.
Your enemies will cower before you,
and you will tread on their heights."*

Homework

Read **Deuteronomy 5:6-21**, in preparation for the sermon on Jan. 29/30, "What's the Point of the 10 Commandments?" Mark words, or phrases, that stand out to you.

Notes & Reflections:

