

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#30] *God's Life through a Love for His Word* – Deuteronomy 11

Sermon Outline – February 25, 2018

Children's Sermon: Why We Love Someone's Words

Who loves Jesus?

Do you have a favorite TV show?

- What is something they often say on that show?
- What is something (nice) mom & dad often say?

How we treat a person's words shows us if we love them!

Mark 8:38

³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of **me** and of **my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Exposition of the First Commandment (Dt. 6–11)

Notes:

There is One God. Everything Comes from Him. Nothing Comes from You. Love & Serve Him!

Life and Death Come from Yahweh (11:1–32)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Life & death come from Yahweh,
love and serve him alone.



Outline

- Intro: Love Yahweh and keep his charge (1)**
- Consider Yahweh's instruction to this generation (2–7)**
- Obey Yahweh to secure your inheritance of a blessed land (8-17)**
 - 1) Obey, love & serve Yahweh, He will water the land
 - 2) Serve other god's, Yahweh will shut up the heavens
- Lay up the LORD's words in your heart & soul! (18-25)**
 - 1) Teach yourselves & your children for a permanent inheritance (18-21)
 - 2) If you love & obey Yahweh, He will drive out all your enemies (22-25)
- Blessings & Curses (26-30)**
- Conclusion: Be careful to obey the LORD (31-32)**

Key Observations

- There is only one True God: Blessings & Curses
- Yahweh has Promised: Victory, Land & Time / Defeat, Exile & Quick Destruction (No time)
- Israel's continuing relationship to the LORD hinged on their relationship to **His Word**
- Rescued to love & obedience not by love & obedience
- **Israel's problem** was they did not love Yahweh and did not want to serve Him...did not listen to Him

What do You Do When You Love & Want the Wrong Thing? (True Grace)

...Fired at our Life & Heart

We need to be rescued from loving and wanting to serve the wrong things.



A New Covenant is Promised (Cf. **Jeremiah 31:31–34**)

Jeremiah 31:33

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jesus the Living Word was Sent (Cf. **John 1:1–5, 14**)

John 3:16–18, 36

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have **eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, **but** whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ...

³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has **eternal life**; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but **the wrath of God** remains on him.

We are Stuck in the Same Stiff-Necked Dilemma, But...

Romans 8:7–9

⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it *does not submit to God's law*; indeed, *it cannot*.⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but *in the Spirit*, *if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you*. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

How Do We Get the Holy Spirit?

(by Grace)

Ephesians 2:1–9

¹ And *you were dead* in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in *the passions of our flesh*, *carrying out the desires of the body and the mind*, and were by nature *children of wrath*, like the rest of mankind.⁴ **But** God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—...⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

(the gift of Faith & Repentance)

Acts 2:37–38

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “*Brothers, what shall we do?*”³⁸ And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for *the forgiveness of your sins*, and you will receive *the gift of the Holy Spirit*.”

(the gift of Obedience)

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, *created in Christ Jesus for good works*, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

How Do You Treat God's Words? (Cf. Matt. 28:18-20)

1 Timothy 4:16

¹⁶ **Keep a close watch** on yourself and ***on the teaching***. Persist in this, for by so doing you will *save both yourself and your hearers*.

- Do you make the LORD's service a priority?
- Do you carve out time to read and learn, and memorize the Bible?
- Do you regularly talk about these things with other church members?
- Do you teach these things to your children?
- If you asked your kids, "what does Mom/Dad love," what would they say?
- Are your friends, neighbors, and co-workers aware of your preoccupation with the Bible?
- Do you love and cherish learning and meditating on God's Word?

What do you do if you have never had this desire?

What do you do if this desire has grown cold?

Confess

Cry Out

Turn

Persevere

(Repeat)