

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#28] *God's Power, not Ours* – Deuteronomy 7:17-8:20

Sermon Outline – February 11, 2018

Children's Sermon: You Trust & Obey Someone

Swimming Lessons (Sam & Jonny)

If you could have one thing from God, what would it be?

Our Sin Problem (The Tree of Adam)

Trust & Obey Jesus!

John 8:34–36

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if *the Son sets you free*, you will be free indeed.

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

Notes:

There is One God. Everything Comes from Him. Nothing Comes from You. Trust & Obey Him!

The LORD is Your Life!

The Importance of Holiness (7:1–11)

Yahweh Alone Secures Victory & Prosperity (7:17–8:20)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Do not fear military weakness, nor boast in prosperity, remember the LORD.



Military Power Belongs to Him (7:17–26)

¹⁷ “If you say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?’ ¹⁸ *you shall not be afraid of them* but *you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt*, ¹⁹ ... *So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.* ²⁰ Moreover, the LORD your God will send *hornets* among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. ²¹ *You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God.* ²² The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. [wild beasts] ²³ But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. ... [make their name perish]

²⁵ The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. ***You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them*** or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. ²⁶ And ***you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it.*** You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

Power for Prosperity Belongs to Him (8:1–10)

¹ “The whole commandment that I command you today ***you shall be careful to do, that you may live*** and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And ***you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness,*** that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And ***he humbled you*** and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, 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.*** ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, ***the LORD your God disciplines you.*** ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into ***a good land,*** a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills... ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing... [iron, copper]...

Matt. 4:4

Eden like...

Beware the Idolatry of Self-reliance (8:11–20)

¹¹ “Take care ***lest you forget the LORD your God*** by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ ...and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be

lifted up, **and you forget the LORD your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ **Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’** ¹⁸ You shall **remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth**, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ And **if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods** and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. ²⁰ Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Turn from the Idolatry of Self-Reliance

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Turn from your idolatrous, self-reliance and remember Jesus. (rescued from, through, & to)

Fear & Boasting:

Don't Be Afraid of the Enemy, Remember Jesus (From)

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

(put-off, put-on with diligence and God-confidence)

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

(speak the truth in love)

Non-Christians:

- Perhaps you have not considered that everything you are, and have, has come from the one true God.
- Believing in yourself is not a safe strategy. Confidence should come from God.



Don't Fear Missing the Good Life, Remember Jesus (To)

2 Corinthians 4:17 (Cf. Revelation 21)

¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an *eternal weight of glory* beyond all comparison...

Be Afraid of Boasting, Remember Jesus (Through)

1 Corinthians 4:7b

...What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?