

# Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#26] *Having God on Our Hearts* – Deuteronomy 6:1-25

**Sermon Outline** – January 28, 2018

## Children's Sermon: How do you Love God?

**1 John 3:18** (NLT)

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

**What would love look like when...**

- a good friend asks, "can I have a turn?"
- an enemy crashes their bike and needs help.
- Mom or Dad asks you to clean up.

**Which of these is a good picture of loving God?**

## Introduction

Notes:

### The Structure of the Larger Section

"(chaps. 6–26) [can be viewed] as an expansion of the [10 Commandments] with the intent of addressing the spirit of the law. That is, the [10 Commandments have] implications concerning conduct that far transcend the limited number of issues that it addresses directly. The author is accomplishing this task by choosing exemplary cases that are intended to highlight the attitudes implied by the initial commandment."<sup>1</sup>

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

#### Chapter 6: Here they are, Hear & Do! (1-3)

<sup>1</sup> "Now this is the *commandment*—the *statutes* and the *rules*—that *the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land* to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup> *that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments*, which I command you, all the days of your life, and *that your days may be long*. <sup>3</sup> *Hear* therefore, O Israel, and *be careful to do them, that it may go well with you*, and that you may *multiply greatly*, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in a land flowing with milk and honey*."

<sup>1</sup> Currid, J. D. (2006). *A Study Commentary on Deuteronomy* (p. 24). Darlington, England; Webster, New York: Evangelical Press. Currid is quoting: Walton, 'Deuteronomy: An Exposition of the Spirit of the Law,' p. 214.

## The Shema (4-6)

**One God on Our Heart** (Dt. 6; Cf. Mark 12:28–30)

<sup>4</sup> “**Hear**, O Israel: (Cf. Dt. 5:1) The LORD (Yahweh) our God, the LORD (Yahweh) is one. <sup>5</sup> *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.* <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

- The Oneness of Yahweh
- Heart (reason), Soul (breath, desire) & Might (muchness)
- “These words...”

### Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Love God through diligent, enduring obedience to the covenant commands of Yahweh.



## The Key Difference between Old & New

### 1 John 5:1–5

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who *believes that Jesus is the Christ* has been **born of God**, and everyone who *loves the Father* loves whoever has been **born of him**. <sup>2</sup> *By this we know that we love the children of God*, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For *this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments*. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been **born of God** overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—*our faith*. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except *the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

- Love through Obedience
- New Birth! (God in Us – Cf. Romans 8:7–9)

## Called & Equipped for Love

### ...Fired at our Life & Heart

In Jesus, we are given power to love and obey Him!



Discipling: Teach, Talk, Remind Yourself...

<sup>7</sup> You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall **talk of them** when you *sit in your house*, and when you *walk by the way*, and when you *lie down*, and when you *rise*. <sup>8</sup> You shall **bind them as a sign** on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall **write them on the doorposts** of your house and **on your gates**.

### Warn Each Other of the Danger of Prosperity

<sup>10</sup> “And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup> and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup> **then take care lest you forget the Lord**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

- Judging according to the flesh (Cf. 2 Cor. 5:12, 16)
- Spiritual prosperity is what matters:
  - You have wealth (Cf. 1 Tim. 6:17–19; Rev. 3:17–18)
  - You do not have wealth (Cf. Mk. 12:42–44; Lk. 16:19–31)
- Remember the house of slavery from which we have been rescued! (Cf. 1 Pet. 1:14–15; 4:1–2 – **Passions or God**)

### Warning #2: The Danger of False gods (God’s Jealousy)

<sup>13</sup> **It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.** <sup>14</sup> You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— <sup>15</sup> **for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God**—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

- Self-Service: Autonomy and Self-Reliance
  - Blunt Rebellion
  - Self-Righteousness (Pride, Discouragement)

### Warning #3: Trust God to Give what He Promised

<sup>16</sup> “**You shall not put the LORD your God to the test**, as you tested him at **Massah**. <sup>17</sup> **You shall diligently keep**

the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. <sup>18</sup> And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, *that it may go well with you*, and that you may *go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give* to your fathers <sup>19</sup> by *thrusting out all your enemies* from before you, as *the LORD has promised*.

- Grumbling is a Sin
- To get angry at God is a gross idolatry

### For Example...

<sup>20</sup> “**When your son asks you in time to come**, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ <sup>21</sup> then you shall say...[Tell the story] <sup>24</sup> And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day. <sup>25</sup> And *it will be righteousness* for us, *if we are careful to do* all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.’

- The Father sent his son for us...
- Jesus lived obediently for us...
- Jesus suffered for us...
- Jesus died for us...
- Jesus was forsaken by his Father for us...
- Jesus has been raised to a new creation life for us...

### Therefore

- It is right for us to be careful to do all that Jesus commanded us to do! (Love of God)
  - Patience...
  - Kindness...
  - Self-control...
  - Love our neighbor...our enemy!