

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#25] *The Beginning of Wisdom* – Deuteronomy 5:22–33

Sermon Outline – January 21, 2018

Children's Sermon: Fear & Wisdom

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

What does the word, “wisdom” mean?

Not a Tame Lion... (Niagara Falls)

- What kind of things are wise to be afraid of?
- Should we be afraid of God? (If you were going to die tomorrow...)

The Setting, Characters & Plot (Dt. 5:22–33)

Notes:

Moses (1) is Preaching to Israel (2)

Deuteronomy 5:4–5

⁴ **The Lord (3)** spoke with you face to face *at the mountain*, out of the midst of the fire, ⁵ while I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said:

- **The 10 Commandments** (Dt. 5:6–21)
- **Transition** (Dt. 5:22–33 – *our text today*)
- **Exposition of the First Commandment** (Dt. 6–11)

Plot: Transition (Dt. 5:22–33 – *our text today*)

²² “These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and *he added no more*. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

What was Israel to Remember?

- ...the Fear of Yahweh
- ...Moses is Mediating God's Words

^{1st} Israel Speaks to Moses (5:23–27) **In 3 moves**

²⁴ And you said, ‘*Behold, the Lord our God has shown us his glory and greatness*, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live.²⁵ Now therefore why

should we die? For this great fire will consume us. ***If we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, we shall die.*** ²⁶ For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? ²⁷ **Go near and hear** all that the Lord our God will say, and *speak to us all that the Lord our God will speak to you,* and ***we will hear and do it.***'

2nd Yahweh Speaks to Moses (5:28–31)

²⁸ “And **the Lord heard your words**, when you spoke to me. And the Lord said to me, ‘I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. *They are right in all that they have spoken.* ²⁹ ***Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments***, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever! ³⁰ Go and say to them, “Return to your tents.” ³¹ **But you**, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them *in the land that I am giving them to possess.*’

3rd Moses Speaks to Israel (5:32–33)

³² ***You shall be careful therefore to do*** as the Lord your God has commanded you. *You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.* ³³ You shall *walk in all the way* that the Lord your God has commanded you, **that you may live**, and *that it may go well with you,* and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

Isaiah 66:2

² All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But **this is the one to whom I will look**: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and ***trembles at my word.***

For Israel, the only thing keeping them alive in God's presence was the covenant relationship He had made with them!

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...
There is nothing more dangerous
and essential to life than God's Word.



The Fullness of Wisdom

New Covenant Fear

Luke 9:34–35 (Mt. of Transfiguration)

³⁴ As he was saying these things, *a cloud came* and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And *a voice came out of the cloud*, saying, **“This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”**

- Who is Our New Covenant Mediator?
 - How do we know God has spoken?
- “If Jesus was really resurrected from the dead, then the Bible is the Word of God.” ¹

Ephesians 2:19–20

¹⁹ So then you are... members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus** himself being the cornerstone...

- Who is Israel now?
- Where is the ‘Promised Land’ for us?

Godly New Covenant Fear:

Philippians 2:9–13

⁵ Have this mind...⁹ **Therefore** God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² **Therefore**, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with **fear and trembling**, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work *for his good pleasure*. (Cf. Matt. 28:18-20)

An earnest desire to obey the Gospel that grows out of a desire to seek God and honor God.

Trust Jesus, Put on Jesus, & Hope on Jesus

¹ Gilbert, Greg. **Why Trust the Bible?** (9Marks) (p. 124). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

All God's Wisdom is in Jesus (not just the beginning)

Colossians 2:1–3

¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you...[and others], ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1. Life through knowing Jesus
2. Win by Losing...
3. Wisdom that Looks Foolish to the World

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Treat knowing & following the words of Jesus as the most dangerous and the most precious, life giving activity you can engage in.

