

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#2] *The Grace of Creation* – Deuteronomy 1:6–18

Sermon Outline – July 23, 2017

Children's Sermon: Are Saved?

Has Jesus saved you? Saved from what/who?

Hebrews 10:39

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of *those who have faith* and preserve their souls.

What is faith? How do you get faith like this? What should you do?

What is Deuteronomy?

Notes:

Moses' Speeches in the Shape of a Covenant

- 1st Address: (Deut. 1:1-4:40) - Past
- 2nd Address: (Deut. 5:1-28:68) - Future
- 3rd Address: (Deut. 29-30) - Present
- Epilogue: (Deut. 31-34; e.g. Song of Moses, death)

Deuteronomy 1:1–5

¹ These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness... ³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the Lord had given him in commandment to them... ⁵ Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying...

The Historical Review (Prologue)

"Thus, for the renewal of the covenant described in Deuteronomy, the prologue recalls not only the covenant's history, but also the ability of the Lord of the covenant to fulfill his promise. What God had done in the past, he could continue to do in the future." (Underline mine) ¹

II. The Historical Review (1:6–4:40)

1. The Lord's Grace & Discipline with Israel (1:6–3:29)
2. The Exhortation of Moses (4:1–40)

¹ Craigie, P. C. (1976). [*The Book of Deuteronomy*](#) (p. 94). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

The Lord's Grace & Discipline with Israel (1:6–3:29)

1. Events at Horeb (1:6–18)
 - a. The Command to go take their Inheritance (1:6–8)
 - b. Numerous as the Stars (1:9–15)
 - c. Governed by God's Words (1:16–18)
2. Disobedience at Kadesh Barnea (1:19–46)
3. The Journey from Kadesh Barnea to Moab (2:1–15)
4. Defeat of Sihon & Og in the Transjordan (2:16–3:22)
5. Denial to Moses of the Promised Land (3:23–29)

Remember God's Faithfulness at Horeb

The Command to go take their Inheritance (1:6–8)

Deuteronomy 1:6–8

⁶ “The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain.’ (2:3) ⁷ Turn and take your journey, and go to the [Promised Land] as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. ⁸ See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.’

“Heb. *yāraš* (“take possession of”) connotes inheritance.” ²

1. Remember... God owns the Earth
2. God promised the land of Canaan to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
3. God Commanded their Fathers to take it

Remember the Grace of Israel's Creation (1:9–18)

Deuteronomy 1:9–18

⁹ “At that time I said to you, ‘I am not able to bear you by myself. ¹⁰ The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, ***you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven***’³. (Cf. Genesis 15:4–6) ¹¹ May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! ¹² How

² Merrill, E. H. (1994). *Deuteronomy* (Vol. 4, p. 68). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

³ It is interesting to note that, “***the descendants of Abraham have become many more than the stars the patriarch could have counted with the naked eye.***” Cited from Merrill, (p. 69).

can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? ¹³ Choose for your tribes ***wise, understanding, and experienced men***, and I will appoint them as your heads.’ ¹⁴ And you answered me, ‘The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.’ ¹⁵ So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. ¹⁶ And I charged your judges at that time, ‘Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. ¹⁷ ***You shall not be partial in judgment.*** You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for ***the judgment is God’s.*** And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’ ¹⁸ **And I commanded you at that time all the things [words] that you should do.**

4. Remember God created you out of one old man without a son!
5. Remember God made provision for his people to be judged justly and fairly.

Today’s Clear Biblical Bullet...

Israel was created by God’s word and would be protected by God’s word.

And a vast inheritance was theirs for the taking!

But... (Your fathers all died in the wilderness!)



Ezekiel 36:23–28

²³ And **I will** vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ **I will** ***sprinkle clean water on you***, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols **I will**

cleanse you. ²⁶ And **I will** give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And **I will** remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And **I will** put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

This Was Written for Our Instruction

...Fired at our Life & Heart

It is possible to look like a Christian without being one!
If you are saved, remember that it was a gift!



Are You Saved?

1 Corinthians 10:2–5, 11–12

² all [Israel of old] were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ **Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased**, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ...

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but **they were written down for our instruction**, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² **Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.**

“Jonathan Edwards described the regenerate person as someone who has been given a taste for God, like someone who has tasted honey and now has a sense of its sweetness. That doesn't mean that a Christian doesn't sin anymore. But the old nature is no longer in control. Christ is, and the new nature has a new set of desires for God. The new creation may just be a seed, but that seed will grow.” ⁴

- Do you understand and rejoice in the Gospel?
- Are you in the habit of deliberately sinning? Has your trust in the Gospel changed your life?
- Do you keep trusting and growing?

⁴ Lawrence, Michael. Conversion: How God Creates a People (9marks Building Healthy Churches) (Kindle Locations 300-303). Crossway. Kindle Edition.