

"God's Treasured Possession!"

The Book of Deuteronomy

- Old Israel and New Israel = The Church

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theme: "It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, butwith whoever is not here with us today."

(1) These are the words of the covenant that **the Lord** commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb. (2) And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that **the Lord** did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, (3) the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. (4) But to this day **the Lord** has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. (5) I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet. (6) You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that **I am the Lord your God**.

(7) And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle, but we defeated them. (8) We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites. (9) Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. (10) "You are standing today all of you before **the Lord your God**: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, (11) your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water, (12) so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of **the Lord your God**, which **the Lord your God** is making with you today, (13) that he may establish you today as his people, and that **he may be your God**, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

(14) It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, (15) but with whoever is standing here with us today before **the Lord our God**, and with whoever is not here with us today. (16) "You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed. (17) And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them. (18) Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from **the Lord our God** to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, (19) one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.

(20) **The Lord** will not be willing to forgive him, but rather **the anger of the Lord and his jealousy** will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and **the Lord** will blot out his name from under heaven. (21) And **the Lord** will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of **the covenant written in this Book of the Law**. (22) And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which **the Lord** has made it sick-- (23) the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which **the Lord** overthrew in **his anger and wrath**-- (24) all the nations will say, 'Why has **the Lord** done thus to this land? What caused the heat of **this great anger**?'

(25) Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned **the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers**, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, (26) and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. (27) Therefore the **anger of the Lord** was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, (28) and **the Lord** uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.' (29) "The secret things belong **to the Lord our God**, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

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B. Study Notes:

1. Verse 4 is warning them about hardened hearts. (**Mt 13:15; Rom 11:8; Eph 1:18; 4:18**)
2. Idolatry in verse 18 is a poison that affects everything. (**Ac 8:23; 1 Cor 5:6; Heb 12:15**)
3. In verse 20 those who persist in unbelief will not be forgiven, it is unbelief that damns a person.
(**Ex 32:32,33; Mt 3:29; Jn 8:43; Ac 28:26,27; Rom 11:8-10; 1 Pet 2:1; Rev 3:5**)
4. The Book of the Law = God's Word given through Moses, his covenant
and now the new covenant in Jesus is for the new Israel (**Heb 8:6-13**)
5. He warns them about being cursed like Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 19:24,25; Mt 10:15; Rom 9:29**)
6. The secret things that belong to the Lord God (**Jn 5:39; Acts 1:7; 17:11; Rom 11:33,34; 2 Tim 3:16**)
7. Each generation (25 years) must renew the covenant with the Lord, lest they forget how God acted in the past, present and future. (vv. 10-15) (**Mt 11:25-28; 19:13-15; Ac 2:37-41; Eph 6:1-4; Heb 12:8-11**)

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“THIS chapter, together with the two that follow it, is, as it were, the last discourse of Moses delivered to the people. It comprises exhortations, and admonitions, and other things of that sort, to lay the Law upon their hearts. He says that this covenant was entered into in the land of Moab besides the one which was established on Mt. Horeb; that is, it was renewed on account of those who had not been at Horeb but had been born meantime, while their fathers had died in the desert, lest they think that the Law given to the fathers did not apply to them and that they could disregard it. Therefore Moses had to live long enough as lawgiver to be able to renew the Law also to the second generation.

...Thus Moses addresses those who at the exodus from Egypt or at the time of the numbering were nineteen years of age and below. Or else it must be said that he is employing synecdoche and speaking to those who are of the people although it has already died out to only two survivors who had seen these signs. But the former interpretation seems better.

Moses speaks these things, however, as a reproach and concentrates on this former hardness of theirs to make the admonition sharper, as though he were saying: “See to it that in the future you keep the Commandments of God better than you have kept them in the past. For even though you have seen all this, you have by no means become more understanding and obedient, since (v. 4) the Lord has not given you a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear. Therefore it is to be feared that He may not give it to you later. You should strive with fear and concern, so that by your humility you may deserve this gift of an understanding heart, a hearing ear, and a seeing eye.”

C. LIFE APPLICATION:

“It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with whoever is standing here with us today before **the Lord our God**, and with whoever is not here with us today. Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from **the Lord our God** to go and serve the gods of those nations.” **HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US TODAY?**