

Deuteronomy Chapter 6

V: 1 Commandments, statutes, and judgments = the Word of God, thus saith the Lord.

- Question: If Moses was commanded to teach them to the people, what was the people's responsibility?
- Answer: To receive it, to learn them, to be teachable – and to do them.

John 8:31-32 ³¹“If ye continue in My word then you are my disciples indeed. ³²And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.”

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

- The end result or desired outcome is that we would “do” the word of God.

James 1:25 “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

V: 2 Repeating the exhortation to be a “doer” of God's word, not hearers only. The impact of which will be far reaching generationally – to our son's and our grandchildren.

- Mention made also of part of the reward in this life – long life.
- Generally in this world, long life is considered a blessing, it is universally admirable – we see someone who has lived to their 90's or above and we all say “wow” – God has blessed them.
- As we get older though, especially as we walk with the Lord, we long to be with Him all the more.

Jacob had God's blessing, when Pharaoh met Jacob he asked him how old he was:

Genesis 47:9 “And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, the days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.”

- Long life is just part of the reward; the real reward is life eternal – longer life!

Psalms 19:7-11 ⁷“The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than

honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

Psalm 119:77 “Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.”

- God's word is life to us!

V: 3 “Hear” (H-8085). shama', to hear intelligently, carefully, obediently, with discernment.

- “Verily, verily” – “Most assuredly...” = pay attention.
- To observe it, to do it, that it might be well with thee – having favor, and increasing – receiving the land that flows with milk and honey – speaking of favor and prosperity.

Psalm 1:1-3 ¹Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

- “That is may be well with thee...” – “Increasing mightily” - Name it and claim it
VS: simple obedience.

V: 4 (Shamah) LORD: (H-3068) Yehovah, the self-Existent or Eternal One; Jehovah, Yahweh.

God: (H-430). 'elohiym, el-o-heem'; a uni-plural noun. This singular plurality points to the Trinity, reiterated by the phrase at the end of this verse “One LORD”.

- God singular is “El”, there is also a dual tense which is “Ela” expressing a duality.
- The Hebrew plural is “Eim” – God in the plural sense is “Elohiym” our Three in One God is one.

One: (H-259). 'echad, ekh-awd'

- The Hebrew language has two different words to express “one”. The first is “yacheim” which is absolute one. The other Hebrew word is “echad” which expresses a compound unity.
- My wife and I are “echad” – we are one.
- Had this verse said “The Lord our God is “yacheim” – which is doesn’t – then any argument about the Trinity would be resolved, but the word used is “ehcad” The Lord our God is ehcad – a compound unity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - the Trinity.
- The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, it is a Biblical concept revealed in the Bible.
- The doctrine of the “Trinity” is that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are One God, each fully God, existent in three distinct persons.

- The first hint of the Triune God is in the very first verse of the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God (Elohim, uni-plural noun) created the heaven and the earth.”

1 John 5:7-8 “⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost**: and **these three are one**. ⁸And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”

V: 5 Here we see God “commanding” love.

- We usually define love as a wonderful feeling, a deep and pleasant emotion which is why for the most part we “love” conditionally – usually if you love me back.
- The Bible doesn’t view love the same way.
- According to scripture love is an act of the will – which is why God “commands” us to love Him.
- God gives us plenty of reasons to love Him, it is only reasonable.
- Love is simply a choice we make; in other words we choose to love, then the feeling will follow – which is why God is “commanding” His children to love Him.
- As an act of the will we choose to relate to God and to other persons in a loving way no matter how we may feel at the moment.
- Christian love means that we treat others the same way that God treats us.
- His love is kind and forgiving so we try to be kind and forgiving towards others.

Ephesians 4:32 “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

John 13:35 “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

- God’s desire is the very best for us, so we desire the very best for others, even if it means sacrifice on our part.

John 10:10 “¹⁰... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. ¹¹I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.”

- Love isn’t just a warm fuzzy emotion; love leads to action.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world.... that He gave His only begotten Son...that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

“... with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

- Holding nothing back:

Deuteronomy 4:29, 10:12, Joshua 22:5 – Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27

- Soul, heart, mind, strength, might

Psalms 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.”

- Here we're told to love God with all our heart (innermost being, our spirit), all our soul (consciousness), and all our might / strength (body)
- Jesus reiterates this command when asked what the greatest commandment was:
Matthew 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”
- It encapsulates the first tablet dealing with our relationship with God.

V: 6 We are to take God's Word to heart:

2 Corinthians 3:3 “... inscribed by the Holy Spirit on the fleshly tablets of our hearts...”

Psalm 119:11 “Thy word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against Thee.”

Psalm 119:16 “I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.”

Psalm 119:18 “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

An example how to receive:

1 Thessalonians 2:13 “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

V: 7 We are to teach Gods commandments, statutes, and judgments to our children.

- We're to talk about God's word to them as we go through our day, God's word is to be part of our everyday life.

Deuteronomy 4:9-10 “⁹Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy son's sons; ¹⁰..... that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.”

Deuteronomy 11:19

Ephesians 6:4 “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Chinese proverb: “The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time to plant a tree is today.”

- That is why God gives us grandchildren, nephews, and nieces, neighbors, and kids in church.

V: 8 This is the verse from which the Jews derive their need for and tradition of “phylacteries” the little leather covered boxes containing the “Shema”.

- Picture’s: #1 #2 #3 #4
- Bind them upon thy hands, as frontlets between thy eyes.

Philippians 2:5 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

- A Biblical perspective or world view, how we see things, our desires; seeing things through the lens of the bible. Also that our actions – the things we put our hands to, would be guided by God’s word.

V: 9 God’s word should have a prominent place in our homes.

- The Word of God should be at the doorway of our homes, guarding, controlling what is allowed to enter into the home.
- Jews then and today: “Mezuzah” / “shema” at the doorway to their houses.
- Each occupant of the home would reverently touch the Mezuzah on their way in or out of the home.
- It was a sign that the house was to be a sanctuary for the Lord and a place where the Word of God was loved, revered, taught, and obeyed.

V: 10-12 “When” not “if” – a picture of God’s faithfulness.

Philippians 1:6 “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

- This is a picture of God’s grace. Cities, houses, wells, vineyards, orchards – none of which you built or worked for – a gift from God, His un-merited favor.

Romans 3:24 “Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”

Romans 4:4-5 “⁴Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”

- Be careful not to forget all that the Lord has done:

Psalm 116:12-13 “¹²What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? ¹³I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.”

- Not remembering the Lord is all too slippery a slope, we need to be mindful of Him at all times.

Proverbs 30:8-9 “⁸Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.”

V: 13 Fearing God, taking Him into account with every aspect of life.

- Serving Him:

Romans 6:13 “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

- Swearing by His name:

Hebrews 6:16 “For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.”

- Acknowledging that He is the Greater – the greatest!

V: 14-15 Do not go after, worship other God’s – to not commit harlotry, spiritual fornication or adultery – because our is a jealous God

- God wants our hearts; He wants and deserves our exclusivity.
- Otherwise it will lead to your destruction:

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death...”

V: 16 Massah = “temptation”, also called the place of “Miribah” = “strife” because they strived with God in the wilderness at the split rock of Horeb. They complained, accusing God of trying to kill them. Eventually God brought water from the Rock meeting their need.

- To doubt God’s goodness is to tempt Him.

V: 17 Again, the exhortation to obedience.

- Keep & observe each used 2 X’s in this chapter.
- Command / commandment used 11 X’s in this chapter.

- Shall or shalt used 18 X's in this chapter.
- Our obedience is our expression of love to God.

John 14:15 “If ye love Me, keep My commandments.”

V: 18-19 Do the right thing that it would be well with thee, God will give you victory.

Micah 6:8 “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”

V: 20-23 When your sons ask you – why do you go to church Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings, and Wednesday & Friday – men's prayer, women's prayer – why is God's Word so important to you?

- The answer is: our testimony – being delivered from slavery to sin under Pharaoh / Satan – remembering where we came from and what we were delivered from – our kids need to know the miracles that have taken place in our lives and be familiar with our testimony of salvation.

V: 24 God has given us commandment “for our good” – always, not sometimes – to bless us, for our benefit, to prosper us – and “to preserve us alive”.

Psalms 119:165 “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”

- Preserving us alive, keeping us from death & destruction.

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- God's ways are true and righteous all together – we should never doubt that. One day we'll all sing a song about that:

Revelation 19:1-2 ¹“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: ²For true and righteous are His judgments...”

V: 25 “*It shall be our righteousness if...*”

- The “if” makes it “iffy” – conditional, dependant upon their performance.
- So the other side of that “if” is that if we don't observe to do all these commandments then there is no righteousness.
- The Law is limited, it can't save us.

James 2:10 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”

Romans 3:20-24 ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²²even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

Galatians 3:24 “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”