

Session 30

Deuteronomy II

Chapter 6 : Fear of the LORD ; keeping the commandments and statutes. Things will go well for you. Get the land of milk and honey. Obedience is a sign of reverence.

Separates them from other people. Covenant with God. Need to be continually reminded.

6:4 The **SHEMA**. “Hear, O Israel: •The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Keeps God in the heart and emphasizes a living relationship. God’s Sovereignty and Love permeates our entire being. Totality of life.

V 6-9 : importance of parents teaching faith to their children. Talk of the Word and the Law all the time; not just at formal religious services. Part of everyday life.

Tephilim ; phylacteries.

God is giving the people everything that He promised. Read 6: 10-12.
Wants their undivided loyalty.

This must be passed on to children. Faith is passed on to next generation. Children must be instructed.

Ch 7 : people will be driven out of the land. Show no mercy to them. No inter-marriage. No covenants with them. The other people will turn the Israelites away from God.

Destroy their altars, pillars and images with fire.

⁶“For you *are* a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

They were not chosen because of their number or any special merits or characteristics. Chosen by God; a Covenant people. Delivered because of promises to their fathers.

V 6-10: word for “love” is Hebrew word for marital love.

If they follow His statutes, they will be blessed above all people; no barrenness, no disease.

If they are afraid of the other people, remember what God did to Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Signs and wonders. Other people will be gradually removed from the Land.

Destroy the idols and do not take the gold and silver for yourselves.

Ch 8: Time in the Wilderness was time of testing and learning. They were humbled and disciplined but also well taken care of. Manna. Clothes and shoes did not wear out. Shows that He is their God.

V3 : man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

The LORD is giving them a good land with water, grains, metals- they will lack nothing.

Contrast between the wanderings and the Land of Promise. Still have to keep the Law, not forget what He did for them in the wilderness and what He gave them in the Land. They must remember that God is the source of this and not them.

Ch 9 : God will go as a consuming Fire before them over the Jordan to conquer the other peoples. Cities are fortified; the Israelites could not do it on their own.

It is not because of the righteousness of the Israelites or their own power. It is the wickedness of the Canaanites and the Promise that God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶Therefore understand that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you *are* a stiff-necked people.

They did not “earn” the Promised Land.

⁷“Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.

Read 9: 8-21.

²⁴You have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you. Moses recounts how he interceded multiple times. (priestly function).

All this to make sure that the people know that they are NOT righteous!

Ch 10 : ^{12c}And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

²¹He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. ²²Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Ch 11 : The Land is different than Egypt. Water, hills and valleys AND the eyes of the LORD are always on it.

Early and latter rain. Blessed if they follow the Law. If they turn to other gods, the heavens will be closed.

Sets before them blessings and curses. Obey or disobey.

Ch 12 : Destroy the sacred altars, pillars, statues. Land had to be cleared of pagan symbols before LORD's sanctuary could be set up. Israel could be seduced.

The worship which was outlined in the wilderness was to be carried out in the Land.

Ch 13: evil must be removed from their midst. Prophets that say to go to other gods should be put to death. Whole cities can be destroyed if they lead the people away from God.