



BIBLE BEGINNINGS (PART 4)

Deuteronomy 4:39-40

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Introduction: The Big Ideas of the Pentateuch

GENESIS—COVENANT! God's faithful heart in spite of humanity's fall.

EXODUS—REDEMPTION! See your sin, see your substitution, see your Saviour.

LEVITICUS—HOLINESS, MEDIATION and SACRIFICE. God's sacrificial love and our sacrificial worship.

NUMBERS—God's FAITHFULNESS and PATIENCE in spite of our failures.

DEUTERONOMY—LOVING _____ which is only possible with a new heart.

1. The Background of Deuteronomy

DEUTERONOMY means “_____.”

Moses restating God's laws for a younger generation!

TIME — 1406 BC

PLACE — East side of Jordan, in Moab, across from Jericho.

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2. The Sections of Deuteronomy

PART 1 (1-11)—Challenges the new generation to be different from their parents and to respond to God's grace with love and obedience.

See Deuteronomy 4:5-9

See Deuteronomy 4:39, 40

See Deuteronomy 6:1-8

PART 2 (12-26)—The second giving of the same laws (613 total) given in Exodus and Leviticus. There is warnings provided as to the blessing and curse (consequences) of obedience and disobedience.

NOTE: Context is critical. These are laws as Israel enters promised land, not laws for all people of all time! God provided civil to governing societal interaction, ceremonial governing their methods and modes of worship as well as moral law governing their behavior before God and man. The weight of moral law is confirmed by Christ in the Gospels.

This part of Deuteronomy can be summed up in this way: Do what God says and thrive. Defy what God says and be destroyed.

PART 3 (ch. 27-34)—Choose life over death, blessing over cursing.

See Deuteronomy 30:1-6

In chapters 32-33, Moses explains that to actually love and obey God this way, God will have to save their hearts and make them new hearts that are capable of this kind of love and obedience.

*Deuteronomy 33:26-29 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun,
Who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, And in his excellency on the sky.*

27 *The eternal God is thy refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms: And he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; And shall say, Destroy them.* 28 *Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: The fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; Also his heavens shall drop down dew.* 29 *Happy art thou, O Israel: Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, The shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; And thou shalt tread upon their high places.*

In Chapter 34 Moses appoints Joshua, puts the law into the ark and climbs a mountain to see the promised land and then dies.

3. The Purpose of the Law

NOTE: Don't be confused about the purpose of the Law. Salvation has always been by faith, not of works.

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

Romans 10:1–5 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 4:3–6 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Take-Aways

1. The book stresses “_____ of Israel” emphasizing that God's people are to be unified!
2. Every _____ is responsible to choose to love, trust, and obey God.
3. Love should drive _____, and obedience to God is always blessed!
4. Every generation is responsible to _____ the next generations the love and person of God.
5. Loving obedience is only possible when God gives us a new _____ through the gospel!
6. What we desperately need are _____ hearts, not modified behaviors!

Conclusion

The focus of the first five books of the Bible are to call us to hope in God's goodness and love, and to look forward to the confirmation of his redemptive plan which is to give us new hearts, a new heavens and a new earth.

