

“THROUGH THE BIBLE”

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THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

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“SO, IT WAS WRITTEN, SO IT SHALL BE DONE”

(Deuteronomy 6-7- Moses’ Second Sermon)

The Message and Key Theme:

1. THE MYSTERY OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S HOLY LAW

Israel’s obedience to God’s Law involved being spiritually minded and devoted (**love, faithfulness, obedience**) to HIM in their hearts. HIS concern was for Israel to be in character, *absolutely* and *whole-heartedly* devoted to Him in their hearts. (Ps. 119:57-60, 68, 72-73, 77, 105, 140). **In Deuteronomy 6-7 Moses must teach, explain, and emphasize the motivations for obedience.** He explains four (4) fundamental motives for obedience because the people need guidelines. They need a holy law to guide them. **(SO DO WE!). We will look at one of the motives.** At God’s command (Deut. 1:1-4), Moses taught them **LOVE** because true love is the greatest force and motive in life. (John 14:15; I John 4:7-8).

Note: The N.T. description of love’s character (1 Cor. 13:4-8). God’s Word is the revelation of HIS wisdom. We must learn this. (1 Cor. 3:19).

2. ISRAEL’S LOVE FOR THE ONE TRUE GOD

Love is the basic and foundational principle of the Ten Commandments. A relationship with God includes

acknowledgement of HIS sovereignty, absolute obedience or respect for authority, complete trust, faithfulness, holiness, loyalty, no worship of idols, honor and reverence. To look at the Book in its entirety, it is an exposition of ***“the greatest commandment (of all): you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” (Deut.6:5)***. The Lord summarized the entire old covenant in one single sentence when He quoted from Deut. 6:5. (Matt. 22:37). **Note:** In Matt. 4, the Lord also quoted Deut. 6:13, 16 as a means of conquering the “tempter”.

3. AVOID AT ALL COST-THE REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE!

God’s covenant contains guidelines for conduct which HE is very concerned about. Abstain, cease, quit, renounce loveless character traits, conduct, and behavior that will provoke a response. (1 Cor. 10:12). These “things” reduce our love effectiveness and keep us from God’s constant favor/blessings.

1. Aloof, indifferent, unresponsive, critical of others.
2. Impatient, argumentative, intolerant.
3. Impersonal, unteachable, sullen.
4. Rude, irritable, domineering, non-adaptive, angry.
5. Lacking tact, self-centered, rigid, unbending, lying.

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