

## DEUTRONOMY CHAPTER 5 - The Ten Commandments Reviewed; The People Afraid of God's Presence

### OBSERVATION

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**Deuteronomy consists of five sermons to the new generation of Israelites, ready now to go into the Promised Land.**

Beginning in verse 44, of Chapter four, we have the introduction to sermon #2. The theme of all the sermons is about God's love to us and our obedience to Him.

It's been said, that you win or lose by the things you choose!

Our Christian walk is not totally dependent on what we know but also on our obedience to God's word. You look at any Christian's life and you see the quality of life based on their own obeying of God's Word.

Moses is preaching to the second generation of those coming out of the land of Egypt – Joshua, Caleb, & Moses are the only ones from the first generation that are still alive.

Israel is camped across from Jericho. How awesome their campsite must have appeared – 2-3 million people spread out in tents (no high rise apartments!). They seem to have all they need?? An army, tabernacle – but Moses feels they are not quite ready spiritually.

Now as he begins. He reviews in teaching them the law of Moses. The first generation was not obedience and they perished. Summarized their history, including the conquering of the two giant kings, Og and Sihon.

In verse one of Chapter 5:

He will again give them the Law of God -

Testimonies - declaring the will of God

Statues - how to do those things of God

Judgment - what happens when we don't obey

Hearing

Learning and then observing them. Like James not just hearers but doers!

Many know many things, but unless they obey, it doesn't do anything. The first generation knew all that the second generation knew, but they didn't obey and perished in the wilderness..

It's so wrong to think that we are spiritual on the basis of what we know

Our knowledge must be coupled with what we do regarding the things of God's word!

Now Moses is going to review The Ten Commandments – the first time Ex 20, but that was almost 40 year ago and that generation is dead.

God did not make that law known to patriarchs but with us. With our generation.

### INTERPRETATION

I can't believe when I pick up my Bible, that I get to read it! **Abraham and Isaac didn't get all the perks. You've got the law, a privilege that they could only dream of.**

He talked with you face to face, trying to build within them something of the awe of God. Never ever, ever, ever, lose your awe that you have a bible in your lap!!! Look at any nation that not been built on the law of God, you don't want to live there.

But the opposite is true for those who do.

I'm so thankful that we can turn our lives over to a faithful God! Our faithful Father!

God came to them face to face to give them the law, not by a dream or a vision. They have and have had a God that was willing to meet with them at that time.

God said **I am the Lord Your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage** – that's the preface, before He gets to the 10. He reminds them. Remember Egypt, (which is a picture of our lives, the bondage we were in before He saved us). God said, **You remember the bondage you were in.** You remember the life you had before I saved you.. Like we remember the bondage we were in, the grip that sin had on us – the life that I had before I entered.

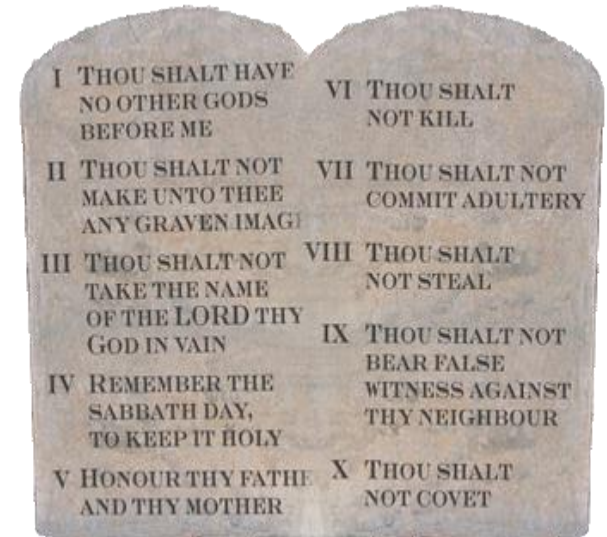
**But now in the response to that, these are the commandments I want you to keep!** It's not something you chisel into a plaque. Dry as dust. Not you obey them or I will clobber you! That's not how He gave it to them, **but out of His great love for us.** In response to all that I have already done for you. As an **expression of your thanksgiving and worship to Me** - a response to what He has already done for us!

**We love Him because He first loved us!** Every command in the Bible is to be obeyed in the response to who and what He has already done for us!

So the Ten Commandments are not just something that you put them over here and try to keep them in your own strength. But these were given that their obedience be linked to **their personal relationship** with Him!

Nobody can obey any commandments of God independent of their relationship with Him. The fact that He had done such wonderful things for us. The fact that He has been so good to us, when He didn't need to. **That provides the motivation for us to be obedient.** He'll always be good! He'll always be gracious. He'll always be faithful to us. **If our motivation for obedience is always related to what He has done for you, you will never run out of motivation for obeying His word!** Because He never stops giving and being faithful!

### APPLICATION



#### He is Able to Deliver Thee – William Ogden

*'Tis the grandest theme through the ages rung; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue;*

*'Tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung, "Our God is able to deliver thee."*

*Refrain: He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee;*

*Though by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest; "Our God is able to deliver thee."*

*'Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain;*

*'Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)*

*'Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll, To the guilty heart, to the sinful soul;*

*Look to God in faith, He will make thee whole, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)*

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### **The Ten Commandments Reviewed:**

**Deu 5:1** And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: ***"Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them."***

**Deu 5:2** The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

**Deu 5:3** The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.

**Deu 5:4** The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.

**Deu 5:5** I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said:

**Deu 5:6** 'I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**Deu 5:7** 'You shall have no other gods before Me.

**Deu 5:8** 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;  
**Deu 5:9** you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

**Deu 5:10** but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**Deu 5:11** 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**Deu 5:12** 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

**Deu 5:13** Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

**Deu 5:14** but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

**Deu 5:15** And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

### INTERPRETATION

**v. 1** *Hear, O Israel:* Moses' command to the children of Israel is a vital one for us: to learn the Word of God, as we're doing now; to keep it not only on the pages of a notebook or a journal but in our hearts; and, finally, to do it.

**v. 2** *Made a covenant:* Literally, this is to cut a covenant. The idea of cutting is associated with covenant because covenants were always sealed with sacrifice - the cutting of a sacrificial victim. Moses would say, "that God made a covenant with us by which we might experience success."

**v. 3** In fact, the covenant was originally made with the previous generation, and Moses did not deny this. But he drove the point home: This was *their* covenant; it is a covenant of the living, not of the dead.

**v. 4** This demonstrates that the term **face to face** does not mean literal face to literal face, but is a Hebraic figure of speech meaning intimate, free communication. And now Moses will remind the people what the Lord said on the mountain when He gave them the commandments.

**v. 5** Israel could not bear such free and unhindered communication with the LORD, so they asked Moses to speak to God on their behalf.

**v. 6** The commandments were based upon the love God demonstrated when He freed them from bondage in Egypt. We, too, were in bondage to our own sin, headed for eternal damnation. And God purchased us with the blood of His Son, rescued us from our sinful condition..

**vs. 7-8** Any image a person tries to conjure up in their mind about the Lord is going to be, at best, very inadequate for God is bigger than anything we can imagine. Therefore, God says, "Don't try to represent Me with some image because it's going to fail terribly in capturing My essence and My greatness." Even crucifixes fail unspeakably short not only in depicting the suffering Jesus went through.

**vs. 9-10** What God is declaring here is that if a dad sins and his son sins, God will keep on visiting them, that He'll neither change His mind about their sin nor give up on showing the way of deliverance to them.

**v. 11** The word "vain" means "empty." Therefore, the reference here is to much more than simply cursing. We can also take God's name in vain, make it empty.

**vs. 12-14** Keep in mind that the concept of a Sabbath was a new concept. Here God makes it not only a possibility but a requirement. This is not repeated in the New Testament. Why? Because, although the Sabbath is an important covenantal point to and for the Jew. The church does not seem to be held under the same legal mandate.

**v. 15** "I want you to have a different lifestyle than you had in Egypt with your nose to the grindstone perpetually," God said. It's amazing that this was a commandment reiterated repeatedly in the Old Testament. Here God wanted to bless His people with rest. And yet they would continually break this wonderful commandment.

### APPLICATION

**v. 7 - #1** You shall have no other Gods before Me (in My presence or besides Me)- only him! He's not just saying you can have other gods but I want to be first. The danger was never that they would abandon God, but that they would mix the other gods with our worship of God. That they would allow all other things to get attached to our lives and our worship of Him.

REASON: GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO BE HARMED OR HURT BY FOLLOWWING FALSE GODS!

USA/WORLD: REJECTING THE ONE AND TRUE LIVING GOD ARE IN ALLKINDS OF PERPLEXITY AND TROUBLE AS A RESULT OF FOLLOWING FALSE GODS!

**v. 8 - #2** No carved or graven images. God is a Spirit. The Godhead is the Creator of all things. He's the only One that isn't created. So you cannot properly represent God by a created thing. That is why we have been given the Holy Spirit! We need to have something opened up by the Holy Spirit that worshipping idols could never do. Don't do it! Nothing that can be created as a likeness of Him is to be worshipped. We are not to worship created things, but only the Creator. [\*Rom 1:25\*](#) *who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.* Then He goes down the list of worldly things that are not to be worshipped.

**v. 11 - #3** We're not to take the Name of the Lord your God in vain! Not to use it in a wrong way- not just curse words, but to just trivially use it - "Oh my God" just to make a point!! Making an oath in God's name when you have no intention of keeping it! Paul shows that all mankind is sinful, he writes, *"whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness"* ([\*Rom 3:14\*](#)) We are not to make use of the name Lord or God, or any other name of the divine Being, **in a light and trifling way, without any show of reverence** of him, and **affection to him**; whereas the name of God ought never to be mentioned but in a grave and serious manner, and **with an awe of the greatness of his majesty upon the mind. for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name is vain; will not look upon him as an innocent person, and treat him as such;** will not acquit and discharge him as just and righteous; but on the contrary.

REASON: GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO BE HARMED OR HURT OUR TAKING HIS NAME IN VAIN, WHICH IS AN INDICATOR OF OUR LOVE AND AFFECTION AND OBEDIENCE TO HIM.

USA/WORLD: We only need to listen to the world, movies, TV and news to hear His name constantly being taken in vain, who indicates a total disdain of Him – how hollow to then say “God Bless America:!

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### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

*Deu 5:16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

*Deu 5:17 'You shall not murder.*

*Deu 5:18 'You shall not commit adultery.*

*Deu 5:19 'You shall not steal.*

*Deu 5:20 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

*Deu 5:21 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'*

*Deu 5:22 'These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.*

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*Deu 5:23 'So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.*

*Deu 5:24 And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives.*

*Deu 5:25 Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die.*

*Deu 5:26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?*

*Deu 5:27 You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do it.'*

*Deu 5:28 'Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.*

**v. 16** Conversely, failure to honor the family structure leads to shortened days in the land, a destruction of the culture. Any serious student of history knows that within one generation after the family structure breaks down, the culture is destroyed. God said we are to honor mother and father. And unless we do, we'll not be long in the land.

**v. 17** There are those who say that, on the basis of this command, Christians shouldn't go to war. Yet the God who gave this commandment to the Jews would tell them to go to war against all kinds of people. Jesus explains this seeming contradiction when He said, "Thou shalt not murder"—making a distinction between murdering and killing.

**vs.18-20** Bearing false witness is not only about telling lies. It can also refer to giving the right information with a wrong implication. Christians are vulnerable to telling what they heard—but not the whole story. That's what false witnessing is. Be careful that you don't quote people out of context. It really hurts them.

**v. 21** and He added no more." I like that. God gave us ten succinct, simple, and profound commandments that give us the key to living life successfully. And He added no more.

**v. 23** If I were God and heard the people say, "Moses, you go talk to Him and tell us what He says, and everything He says we'll do," I'd sarcastically say, "Yeah, right. Sure they're going to do everything I say." But our Father is so wonderful that even though He knows the frailty and fickleness of His family, He still approves of what they said. This is precious to me because I wouldn't have shown anywhere near this kind of grace.

**v. 25** The Mount Sinai experience was not one of sweet fellowship with God. The message of Mount Sinai was not come unto Me, but stay away, for I am holy and you are not.

**v. 28** God was pleased with Israel's response. Their response was evidence that they took Him seriously.

**v. 12 - #4** A slight difference here from Exodus 20 – there the basis for Israel keeping the Sabbath was related to God working six days and resting (Sabbath) on the seventh. Here the reference is to their slavery in Egypt and God's miraculous deliverance.

**REASON: GOD WANTS US TO HAVE REST EVERY SEVENTH DAY!** God separated the Sabbath from all other days of the week, and set it apart for holy use and service, by **obliging his people to cease from all work on it, and to give up themselves to the exercises of religion, as hearing, reading the word, prayer, praise, &c. and he blessed it with his presence, and with the communications of his grace, as he still continues to do, whatsoever day his people make use of for his worship and service.**

**USA/WORLD:** There is little attention to a day of rest, given over to the Lord! Look at "business as usual" on Sundays, here in our country.

**v.16 - #5 (beginning the commandments relating to our fellow man)** God wants us to honor, to respect, to obey our parents, which leads to an abundant life! The family unit is to be the training ground for respect for authority and especially respect for God. Notice the importance attached to this under the law - **Exo 21:15 'And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.**

Following this commandment would eliminate gangs, classroom problems, all kinds of disobedience acts of youth!

**USA AND THE WORLD:** We see the rebellion of youth all around the world. Gang violence, drug use, gross disrespect for law and order!

**v.17 - #6 - WE HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. THE SANCTITY OF LIFE – EACH HUMAN IS SO SPECIAL TO GOD – WE ARE NOT TO TAKE ANYONE'S LIFE IN PREMEDITATED MURDER. GOD'S PENALTY FOR TAKING A LIFE WAS TO GIVE UP THE LIFE OF THE MURDERER – CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.**

**USA AND THE WORLD:** We have it all mixed up. We lawfully are taking, through abortion, the lives of millions of defenseless babies in their mothers' wombs, but we are loathe to permit capital punishment of the guilty. The obvious result is millions of abortions and millions of lives from those being slain in murder.

**v. 18 - #7 -** The family – marriage- is so critically important that God is saying Do Not Commit Adultery. Marriage, ordained by God is the compound unity of two becoming one. Whenever adultery occurs, this compound unity is broken. The family often destroyed! Also adultery and sexual promiscuity is the cause of Sexually transmitted diseases. Reported Cases of STDs on the Rise in the U.S.

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*Deu 5:29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!*

*Deu 5:30 Go and say to them, "Return to your tents."*

*Deu 5:31 But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I am giving them to possess.'*

*Deu 5:32 "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*

*Deu 5:33 You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.*

### INTERPRETATION

**vs. 29-33** The feeling is that God liked what He saw in Israel, but hoped (to use a figure of speech, because God doesn't hope for things the way we do) that they would *keep* the same attitude of heart. In fact, Israel did not keep this heart; not 40 days later they danced in worship around a golden calf. If the children of Israel had only done all that the Lord commanded, it would have been well with them and their children forever.

#### Summary of the Law of Us, Under the New Covenant

Nobody can obey any commandments of God independent of their relationship with Him. The fact that He had done such wonderful things for us. The fact that He has been so good to us, when He didn't need to. **That provides the motivation for us to be obedient.** He'll always be good! He'll always be gracious. He'll always be faithful to us. **If our motivation for obedience is always related to what He has done for you, you will never run out of motivation for obeying His word!** Because He never stops giving and being faithful!

**Psa 19:7-11** *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; [8] The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; [9] The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. [10] More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

*Psa 19:11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.*

**Gal 3:18-29** *For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. [19] What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. [20] Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. [21] Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. [22] But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. [23] But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. [24] Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. [25] But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. [26] For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. [27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

### APPLICATION

**v. 19 - #8** Stealing puts all the emphasis on us and takes away any care or compassion for others. The antithesis of love! To take what isn't mine!

USA AND THE WORLD: Look at the problems associated with theft today around the world!

**v. 20 - #9** GOD wants us to honor our word. Let your yes be yes and your no be no.

USA AND THE WORLD: Where has truth gone? Even at the very highest levels of government in our land, there is widespread lying, as never before!

**v. 21 - #10** Coveting is at the root of so many of our sins. **Rom 7:7** What shall we say then? *Is the law sin?* Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET. Do you find yourselves buying into the advertising today of feeling you have to have whatever "your neighbor" has.

USA AND THE WORLD: Our whole economy is based in part on covetousness of the consumer!

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