

Call for Obedience to God's Law

Deuteronomy 4:1-43

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Preparation by way of gaining information is the key to success in any undertaking. Sports teams spend hours watching video tapes of their opponents so that they might gain information on how to be successful against them. Governments send out special agents who at a great personal risk gather crucial information in order to give their military the advantage. Corporations spend billions of dollars trying to gain information which will give them the edge over their competitors.

In order for the children of Israel to be successful in the Promised Land it was important for them to have a crucial piece of information. It was not information about their enemies that they needed, but it was information about their God.

In the passage that we are going to study this week, Moses seeks to give them that information. He teaches the children of Israel that the only way they are going to have a successful conquest and enjoy life in the Promised Land, is if they submit to God's law.

Day 1

Read Deuteronomy 4:1-4

1. From verse 1, what is the twofold reason Moses gives for his command to obey the statutes and the judgments of God?

2. Many people view God's law as a tedious list of unwelcome prohibitions. They believe that to obey God's Word is not to enjoy life to its fullest. How would you respond to a person who held to this view?

4. Read Hebrews 12:3-11. What does God promise to do when His children disobey Him? Why does He do this?

5. Read 1 John 1:9. What does God promise to do when we confess our sins?

6. Thank the Lord for His love that chastens you when you disobey Him. Praise Him for His mercy, His grace, and His faithfulness to keep His Word.

Read Deuteronomy 4:32-40

1. What two questions does Moses tell the children of Israel to ask in verses 34 and 35? What is the obvious answer to these questions?

2. What was the purpose for God showing His mighty deeds to Israel?

3. What is the difference between a manslayer and a murderer? Read Deuteronomy 19:5 for an example.

4. In that day, when a man was killed, intentionally or unintentionally, revenge was sought out by the man's family and friends. These cities gave safety for those who killed accidentally. What does this reveal about the character of God?

5. Thank God for His goodness. Praise Him that He is not like us. All we care about is revenge; God cares about justice and fairness. Ask Him to help you not to make rash decisions when you think you see wrongs committed.

Day 5

Read Deuteronomy 4:1-43

1. As you re-read the passage for this week, what truth stands out as most meaningful to you?

