



**Series: Bible Survey**

**Lesson: 10. Deuteronomy 1–11**

- **Introduction**

- Author: Moses (though Joshua probably wrote the ending)
- Date: 1406/1405 BC
- Context:
  - Israel has finished its wandering in the wilderness and is about to enter the Promised Land.
  - The Exodus generation has died out, the torch has been passed to a new generation, so the Law and covenant need to be understood by those who were not adults when they were first given and applied to how they will live in the land.
  - Moses is about to die and shares and remaining revelation God has given him, including words of wisdom and warning to the nation.
- ‘Covenant’ is a very important aspect of Deuteronomy, but it is unwise to view the entire book as simply a covenant document.

- Main themes:

- The importance of passing on the Faith, both historically and theologically
- The nature of relationship with God
- Our need to know the character of God and then represent Him well
- How quickly we forget God

- **The History of the Journey (1–4)**

- Moses begins his final words to the nation by recounting how they got from Sinai to the plains of Moab, focusing on the ways God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for them, as well as the ways the people were unfaithful.
  - He making sure God is the hero of their story before they go conquer the Promised Land!
- He concludes these introductory remarks with a strong exhortation and warning to the people not to \_\_\_\_\_ YHWH as they possess the land.

- **The Lesson Learned: The Need for Total Commitment to God (5–11)**

- Having recounted the history of what happened since they first made it, Moses now reminds them of that \_\_\_\_\_ their fathers made so they might do a better job of following it.
  - The most basic expectations are the 10 ‘Words.’
- He preaches about how essential it is to obey God, to love God, and to teach His Law to their children.
  - The ‘Shema’ is not just about loving God, treasuring His Word, and/or passing the faith on; it’s about how important those three are *because* they are what is required of people in covenant with Him.
- There are stern warnings to remain a \_\_\_\_\_ nation for God and to not let the pagan nations influence them, followed by promises of blessing if they listen.
  - God’s election is reiterated because He wants to make sure they realize they didn’t earn His favor; they *owe* it to God to remain faithful to Him.
  - The promises are not merely transactional; they are reminders of Who God is and the *security* there is in following Him.

- The remainder of this section is a warning not to forget God's sovereign blessings and become \_\_\_\_\_, a litany of times they already had as a nation, and a final exhortation to be faithful and receive God's blessings.
  - Times of prosperity tend to create complacency!

### **Discussion:**

1. What are some less obvious ways to pass on the Faith, especially based on what we see in Deuteronomy?
2. How would you describe what it means to have a relationship with God to someone who was an unbeliever or a new convert?

**Blanks:** protected, provided, forget, covenant, holy, self-sufficient