

Deuteronomy - Lesson 1

This book is the last of the _____ books of Moses. You often hear these five books called the Pentateuch, meaning five books.

Genesis - tells of the beginning of the chosen nation Israel.

Exodus - relates how the people were organized into a nation, along with the giving of the law.

Leviticus - tells the way this people were to _____ God.

Numbers - gives a story of the wanderings of the people.

Deuteronomy - gives the final preparation for entering the promised _____.

Moses was the writer, but _____ the author. Over 500 times in these first five books, we find expressions like, *The Lord spake... or God said...*

We know that the holy men who wrote the Bible were moved upon by the Holy Ghost.

The last chapter of the book, concerning the death of Moses, could have been written by Joshua after the death of Moses, or it could have been written by Moses, by divine revelation.

The events of Deuteronomy cover only a week or two of the 11th month of the 40th year (1:3) forty years after they had left Egypt. The 12th and last month of the 40th year was spent in mourning for _____. (34:8)

The man who did not want to be sent to Egypt because he was “not a good speaker” (Ex 4:10) delivered the _____ addresses to Israel that make up the book of Deuteronomy. God gave him the power to develop from a stuttering shepherd into a national leader and powerful orator.

There were many great and powerful prophets after Moses, but it would be a thousand years before one GREATER than Moses would appear - that is _____.

The book is made up of **three addresses** given by Moses to the children of Israel.

1. “Looking back” (Deut. 1-4)
2. “Looking up” (Deut. 5-26)
3. “Looking out” (Deut. 27-33)

This wonderful book is such a treasure because it is the *last words* of a man who is standing between his earthly and heavenly life. In fact, as you read it, it’s almost like the divine view, instead of the human.

Jesus, Himself, even used some of the words of this book in His confrontation with the devil.

Deut 6:16 “Ye shall not tempt the _____ your God...”

Deut 8:3b “man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord...”

Deut 10:20 “Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve”

Someone has said, “If you want a taste of Heaven on earth become familiar with Deuteronomy.

The *key verse* to the book is **Deuteronomy 7:9** “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that _____ him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations”.

The children of Israel are positioned on the border of Canaan, just _____ of the Jordan River. They had spent 40 years on a journey that should have lasted only 11 days.

It wasn't the distance that stood between them and the promised land, it was the condition of their hearts. It wasn't God's purpose just to transport a huge group of people from one place to another. He was preparing them to “live in OBEDIENCE to Him” once they arrived in their _____ land.

What good would the promised land be if the Israelites were just as wicked as the people already there? Their journey was a painful one, but it was necessary, in order that they might taught:

1. Who God was - the living God - the leader of their nation
2. Who they were - fallen, sinful, rebellious He gave them the _____.

Deuteronomy 10:2, “And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in _____ his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with _____ thy soul”.

In the first four books of the Pentateuch, “God is choosing Israel”. Now He is letting “Israel choose Him”.

Deuteronomy shows the **BLESSINGS** of OBEDIENCE and the **CURSE** of DISOBEDIENCE. Obedience brings FAVOR, VICTORY OVER THE ENEMIES, PROSPERITY, HAPPINESS. Disobedience always brings misfortune and heartache. Both obedience and disobedience carry consequences in this _____ and in the next.

Even today, God wants you and I to obey His Word because we love Him and we fear Him. If we _____, we will experience FAVOR and BLESSINGS. Obedience causes us to be blessed and highly favored!

Moses, now 120 years old, is giving his farewell address to the people whom he had led these past 40 years. He knows his work is finished, for God told him that another would lead them into Canaan. (Nu 20:12) But first, Moses must rehearse the _____ to the people. Only Caleb and Joshua were left from that generation that had come out of Egypt. All the others were _____. The younger men who now lived had suffered hardships in the wilderness wanderings but were anxious for the conquest of their promised land.

Moses' first address: “Looking Back” could also be titled, “What God Has Done For Us” Moses reviewed the mighty acts of God for the nation of Israel, and how God had taken _____ of His people. We might even call it a brief history lesson. (Deut 1:1-4:43)

Moses reminds the people of God's faithfulness to them and urges them to be thankful and obedient. He likens God's care of them to a loving _____ who cherishes his little ones lest they should be lost in the wilderness or be injured by the heat of the sun. He supplied all their needs; they lacked nothing. (Deut 2:7)

Moses had spent the last _____ years of his life delivering his people from the bondage of Egypt, in guiding them through the many dangers that confronted them. He trained them, gave them forms of government, laws, religious institutions and molded them into a _____.

The children of Israel were now at the _____ of their journey, in the plain east of the Jordan River, overlooking the land they had come to possess. It lay before them in the glories of the springtime. But the impassable Jordan River rolled between, and walled cities rose up in seemingly unyielding strength. The Israelites were like young men leaving school or college, about to enter upon their life's _____.

Moses' Second Address: titled "Looking Up" begins in chapter 5 and continues through chapter 26. The key to this section is: *Observe to do*.

Deuteronomy 12:1 "These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall *observe to do* in the land". Israel was going into a new land and everything would depend on their constant and intelligent obedience to God who was giving them the land.

Moses sets forth the law - simply and clearly - so that it would take hold. God said, (through Moses) "You are my people; I love you. I have chosen you; I am in the midst of you. I will protect you. I am only asking you to obey Me for _____ good.

His second address includes:

1. The _____ commandments
2. Love the Lord your God
3. Laws for proper worship
4. Laws for ruling the _____
5. Laws for human relationships
6. Consequences of obedience and disobedience

In this 2nd address, Moses reviewed the law. He went over WHAT they were to observe. It's no different today. God desires that we, His people, be separate from the _____ around us. He desires that we "gather together" to worship Him. Today people are careless about church-going and worship. This is spiritual decay. God demands His people to be disciplined. And so much the more as we see the _____ approaching when He will come after His bride. (Heb 10:25)

"There's Going To Be A Wedding Pretty Soon, Are You Ready For The Groom?"

