

# Show Me Your Glory

## Lessons from the Life of Moses

### Lesson 17 Deuteronomy 6–7

#### *Day One:* The God of Second Chances

In the fortieth year following their deliverance from Egypt, the Israelites were at Kadesh-Barnea, and Moses was preparing the people to enter the Promised Land. The book of Deuteronomy, which means *repetition of the law*, is a review of the law previously given at Mt. Sinai and how it is to be applied to daily life in the new land. It contains the instructions and warnings concerning Israel's possession of their inheritance. What Moses proceeds to tell them about the commands, decrees and laws here in Deuteronomy were as much from the Lord as were the Ten Commandments. The obedience of the people to everything Moses was about to share with them would determine the extent of their success and prosperity in their new land.

Read Deuteronomy 5:23–6:1–25.

God's people had not wanted to hear the details of the Law at Mt. Horeb because they were afraid of the voice of God. "*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*" (5:29). Moses now expounds on the total commitment of their covenant relationship with the Lord.

1. The command to *love the Lord* is found throughout the book of Deuteronomy. Look up the references below and note what each says about *loving Him*.
  - 7:9
  - 10:12
  - 11:1
  - 11:13–15
  - 11:22–23
  - 13:1–3

- 30:6
- 30:16
- 30:20

The specific commands throughout the book of Deuteronomy may be expressed in one great command to “love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . soul, and . . . strength” (6:5).

2. From what you have learned define how you are to love the Lord . . .
  - a. *with all your heart*
  - b. *with all your soul*
  - c. *with all your strength*
3. God’s people were personally responsible to keep God’s Word in their hearts by keeping it in plain sight. What, specifically, would help them do this?
  - v. 6
  - v. 7
  - v. 8
  - v. 9

Meditating on God’s Word helps us to understand and apply it correctly. Then as parents we can impress His Word on the hearts of our children as well. The best way to educate a child is not through the formal education system, but in the casual environment of a loving home.

- ❖ Personal: What are the practical ways *you* are keeping God’s Word in plain sight?

*Heartbeat . . . “I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.”*

Psalm 40:8

*Day Two:*                      A Word of Caution

The Lord was about to give His people prosperity for the first time in their new land. But along with this blessing came a word of warning for them to heed.

Read Deuteronomy 6:10–25 for review.

1.        Describe the prosperity God’s people were about to enjoy. vv. 10–11

a.        What did Moses warn them about the danger of this prosperity? v. 12

*Look closer . . .*

In Philippians 4:10–13, Paul the Apostle used his own life to teach a lesson on prosperity and adversity. What lesson is there for you in Paul’s example?

Proverbs 30:8–9 says, “*Give me neither poverty nor riches—feed me with the food allotted to me; lest I be full and deny You, and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.*”

- Personal: Which for *you* has proven the more effective teacher: *adversity* or *prosperity*? Please explain.

2.        What two things were the people to be very careful to do? v. 13

The command to *take oaths in His name* is meant as a reinforcement of the command to fear Him.

3.        What were the people warned to avoid doing—why? vv. 14–15

Because God is a jealous God, any act of unfaithfulness would result in judgment.

4. What sin had the people committed at Massah that Moses warned them might happen again? See Exodus 17:1–7.
  - a. What lesson do *you* think Moses wanted them to take from this incident?
  - b. If the people obeyed God’s commands, what did He promise them? vv. 17–19

In verses 20–25, Moses again reiterates the critical need for passing on God’s commands to the children. He speaks of a home where the Word of God is honored, discussed, and applied on a daily basis.

5. When a son asked about the meaning of the Law, briefly summarize what his father was to teach him.

### *Selah . . .*

What is the main life lesson the father was to pass on to the children? If you’re a parent, are you passing this lesson on to your children? Please share your thoughts.

*Review this week’s memory verse.*

## *Day Three:*                      A Chosen People

Read Deuteronomy 7:1–11.

As God’s people entered the Promised Land they were given the command to rid the land of its inhabitants. Seven nations were listed as mightier than the Israelites and all were to be annihilated.

1. As God continued to deliver these nations over to His people, what were they to do with them? v. 2
  - a. What were they forbidden to do with them—why? v. 3

There were to be no treaties proposed and no mercy extended. Not only were the Israelites to destroy the population, they were to destroy the idols and the altars of pagan worship throughout the land.

### *Selah . . .*

Walking with God into the Promised Land means not only *possessing your inheritance*; it also means *facing* and *eliminating your enemies*! No ground should be given to anything with the potential of harming your relationship with Him. How are *you* doing?

2. Why did the Lord separate Israel from all other nations? v. 6
  - a. What distinction was theirs? v. 7
  - b. Why did God place them first in His affection? v. 8
  - c. What had God accomplished on their behalf?
  - d. What did God promise to do with those who hate Him—those who reject His covenant?

There was nothing about the Israelites that merited God's attention or His affection. His choice to make them His treasured possession was based solely on His sovereignty and His faithful commitment *to a thousand generations of those who love Him*.

### *Look closer . . .*

Is there anything you have done that merits God's attention or His affection? On what do you base the assurance of your salvation? The Bible is very clear that we *all* have sinned and fallen short of the grace of God and that we are justified freely by His grace alone (Romans 3:23–24). Spend some time meditating on Ephesians 2:1–13; then consider the following:

- *Why did God choose you?*
- *What do you have now that you didn't have before Christ?*

- *Have you thanked Him lately?*

## *Day Four:* Fight the Good Fight!

Read Deuteronomy 7:12–26.

God promised He would keep His covenant with those who in turn keep His commands.

1. What are some of the blessings for Israel if they obeyed? vv. 13–15
  - a. What would obeying require of God's people? v. 16

With God's help Israel could conquer their enemies, but the people were not so confident. He called on them to remember what He had already accomplished for them.

2. What did God promise His people? v. 19
  - a. Of what could they be certain? v. 21
  - b. How would God carry out His plan? vv. 22–23

Israel would not have to flee from their enemies; God would, little by little, drive out the inhabitants until His people were strong enough to take possession of the land. The war that Christians fight today is not so different from the one the Israelites fought. We must fight daily and a little at a time until the victory is achieved.

3. Listed below are some truths necessary for successfully winning your fight of faith. Begin to commit these truths to memory and work at applying them whenever possible. Before long you will notice you are gaining the victory!
  - a. 2 Timothy 2:4
  - b. Colossians 3:5–7
  - c. Romans 6:13
  - d. 1 Timothy 6:12
4. Consider your current situation for the moment and what you can do to . . .
  - *Identify your enemy.*
  - *Recognize the areas where you are fearful.*
  - *Pursue what you can do to gain the victory.*

- Commit yourself and your fight to God!

*Day Five:* Praying with Purpose

**Selah . . .** Be still and consider how to *work out* in your daily life what God has *worked into* your heart through your study of His Word. Then pray each aspect through.

- ❖ **A Point Pondered:** Is there an example from the lesson or a truth from Scripture that has taken on a new meaning this week? Please note it below.

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- ❖ **A Path Pursued:** Knowledge must be applied in order to make a difference. Name one thing you can act upon in obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading.

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- ❖ **A Promise Possessed:** If God has spoken a particular verse or word of hope to your heart, write it down and pray it back to Him.

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- ❖ **A Praise Proclaimed:** God loves to hear you praise Him! What aspect of God's character particularly blessed you this week? Will you praise Him today?

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- ❖ **A Prayer Presented:** Write out the most pressing request on your heart and lift it to the Lord.

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**Other requests:**

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