

Show Me Your Glory

Lessons from the Life of Moses

Lesson 19 Deuteronomy 30

Day One: A Hopeful Future

Israel would prosper in the new land only to the extent that she obeyed all the terms of the covenant. Moses has been expounding on the covenant renewal and its affects upon future generations, predicting that the people would fail in their commitment to remain faithful to God. They would only learn after they became dispersed among the nations, after all the blessings and curses had come upon them.

Read Deuteronomy 30:1–20.

Moses had set the blessings and curses before the Israelites to motivate them to love and serve God wholeheartedly. He knew there would come the day when the people would go off and bow down to false gods and the Lord would judge them, uproot them, and allow them to be taken off into exile. Yet Moses foresees God's mercy and forgiveness once His people again turned their hearts toward Him in true repentance. He offers them hope for the future.

1. When the people finally regret what they've done, how will they respond?
vv. 1–3
 - a. How will God respond in kind?

2. Will God's mercy be limited to those in the Promised Land? vv. 4–5
 - a. How does Moses refer to the land of Canaan?

 - b. The restoration of God's people will be greater than their original occupation. What will God do for them?

3. In addition to the promise of abundant prosperity, what else will God do for the people? v. 6

The promise to *circumcise their hearts* means that in place of their stubbornness and rebellion, God will grant them a *new will* to obey Him which will, in turn, enable them to remain committed to Him.

4. How will the Lord judge the nations that mistreat His people? v. 7

Moses declared that with a new heart the people: “*will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all His commandments which I command you today*” (v. 8).

5. The promised restoration extends to every aspect of Israel’s life. List the specific ways in which the people will abound. vv. 9–10

a. What will bring about the delight the Lord will take in His people?

Look closer . . .

The promise of a *new heart* is a fundamental aspect of the New Covenant which will not be fulfilled for Israel until the return of Jesus Christ. Read through Ezekiel 36. Fill in what you learn about . . .

- *the holiness of God:*

- *the faithfulness of God:*

- *the mercy of God:*

- ❖ According to Jeremiah 31:31–34, what is God’s earnest desire for His people? How does this hope encourage *you* today in your walk with Him?

Heartbeat . . . “*The word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.*” Deuteronomy 30:14

Day Two:

The Word is Very Near

Read Deuteronomy 30:11–14.

The Lord's commands that would bring Israel prosperity and restoration were not beyond Israel's reach. The Law had a divine origin, but God had clearly revealed it to them. There was no need to *ascend into heaven* to get it, nor did anyone need to travel *across the sea* to reach it. The law had been written down and read to the people. They had access to it and were familiar with it so they could obey it.

Look closer . . .

God's people need his Word as much today as they did in Moses' day. Just as the Law was the revelation of God's righteousness—Jesus Christ is God's righteousness incarnate.

Read the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 10:1–13, and consider the following:

- What does the passage reveal about Israel's fervor for God? How have they acted on this desire? vv. 1–3

The New Living Translation says this: *"For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Instead, they are clinging to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. They won't go along with God's way."*

- The *word* Moses speaks about in Deuteronomy 30:14 and which Paul reiterates here in Romans 10 is a reference to the only One to have ever lived that fulfilled the Law perfectly. Who is this speaking about? vv. 5–8

Christ is the *Living Word* of God personified! He perfectly embodies every aspect of the Law and was graciously "given" to us by the Father. *"For Christ has accomplished the whole purpose of the law. All who believe in Him are made right with God"* (10:4 NLT). No one needs to go up to heaven or across the ocean to find Him; He has already come and is "near you" right now.

- According to Romans 10, how is someone saved? vv. 9–10

Death and evil in this context do not exclusively pertain to physical death (although at some point this is a reality for everyone); rather it speaks of an existence that is *detestable—terrible—insufferable—and unbearable*.

2. Give some examples of a life that exists between *death and evil*.
 - a. If you choose this option, what will your relationship with the Lord be like?
 - b. What will you pass on to the next generation?

The Lord God was Israel's life; choosing to live without Him meant not really "living" at all; it meant a mere form of "existing." If you're a believer, the same can be said of you!

3. Who would serve as witnesses to Israel's choice? vv. 19–20 (See also Jeremiah 2:12–13.)

In Hebrews 11, Moses is listed among what we commonly refer to as the *Hall of Faith*; those men and women who followed God wholeheartedly and who are remembered as heroes in Scripture. These individuals, along with the other saints who have gone before you, will serve as the "great cloud of witnesses" to the choice you make.

4. According to Hebrews 12:1–2, what will help *you* make the right choice?

"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish" (Hebrews 12:2 NLT). Are your eyes on Him today?

Day Four:

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.

- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **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?

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

Other requests:

Notes