

"The Pentateuch"
Deuteronomy 4
Wednesday May 11, 2011

Theme – Deuteronomy – "Renewed Covenant"; "Second Law"; "Beware lest you forget"

Moses was unable to enter because of his misrepresenting of God to the people. His final duty was to remind the nation of who God is, who they were and what God expected from them.

Sermon #1 – 1-4 Past

Sermon #2 – 5-26 Present

Sermon #3 – 27-34 Future

Deuteronomy 1-4 – Historical Concerns: Moses Looks Back:

Deuteronomy 4 – Moses is declaring God's covenant and His requirements.

This is not new but a review of the past.

Statutes – permanent decrees or rules of conduct – that don't change.

Judgments – case laws, decisions handed down by judges. (God is the Judge)

Testimonies – are the attestations, the witnesses to God's faithfulness, of what He had done in the past.

Deuteronomy 4 – Is A Closing Appeal To Obey God:

Deuteronomy 4:1-8 – The Purpose Of The Law: Deuteronomy 4:1

"listen" – it means "to pay attention, to perceive and understand so as to obey"

1. Verses 1-4 – The Purpose of the Law was to give the Israelites a full life as they obeyed God: Deuteronomy 4:1

Forgetting the Word: Deuteronomy 4:2-3

Numbers 25

Deuteronomy 4:4

Psalm 106:28-29; Hosea 9:10.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

John 6:63

2. Verse 5 – The Purpose of the Law Revealed was To Ensure Victory in The Promised Land:
3. Verses 6-8 – Purpose of the Law is Revealed To Make Israel A Witness To The Nations: Deuteronomy 4:6

Psalm 19:7-8

Psalm 119:98-101

Deuteronomy 4:7-8

Israel was not to be distinguished by her natural resources, wealth, or military might, but by her moral skill and close relationship to God

Deuteronomy 4:9-14 – The Purpose of the Experience at Horeb:
Deuteronomy 4:9

Judges 2:10-11

Deuteronomy 4:10-14

We too should share with our children our Horeb experience.

Deuteronomy 4:15-24 – The Prohibition Against Idolatry: Deuteronomy 4:15-20

Do you remember what “iron furnace” God brought you out of?

Deuteronomy 4:21

Numbers 20:1-13

Deuteronomy 4:22

An idol – a misrepresentation of God

Deuteronomy 4:23

Romans 1:22-25

Deuteronomy 4:24

Heb 12:29

The consuming fire purifies the precious things while destroying what is worthless.

Deut 4:25-31 – The Predicted Dispersion: Deuteronomy 4:25-26

3 things would happen:

1. They would perish from the land – Deuteronomy 4:26
2. They would be scattered among the nations – Deuteronomy 4:27-28
3. They would turn back to God in repentance and He would restore them – Deuteronomy 4:29-30

Zechariah 12-14 – and note the phrase “in that day” referring to the end times

Deuteronomy 4:31

James 4:8

Deut 4:32-40 – The Command to Know That the Lord Alone Is God:
Deuteronomy 4:32-33

The Question – Who has heard God speak but Israel? Who had God dwelling in their midst's?

Deuteronomy 4:34

Why did God do all this? – Israel was to know that Jehovah God and He alone was God, there were none other besides Him.

Deuteronomy 4:35

Isaiah 45:21-22

Deuteronomy 4:36-40

Deut 4:41-43 – The Three Trans Jordanian Cities of Refuge:

Deut 44-49 – The Setting of Moses' Rehearsal of God's Law:

Application:

1. The Purpose of The Law Was to Give The Israelites a Full Life As They Obeyed God.
2. What is My Experience of Horeb That I Can Share With Others?
3. The Importance Of Remembering Where I Came From, Is So I Don't Wind Up Back There.
4. The God Of Israel Stands Alone As The Only True And Living God: God Was Manifested Exclusively By Dwelling With Israel.