

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, THIS IS SERIOUS: COVENANT SANCTIONS
A CHALLENGE TO GOD'S PEOPLE
Deuteronomy 29:1-31:8

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29:1-29 I. Renew your covenant with the Lord.

"These are the words of the covenant that the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb."

:2-8 A. Remember why.

"You have seen all that the Lord did.... But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear."

:5-6 1. He provided for us in the wilderness.

"Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet."

:7 2. He defeated our enemies.

"...Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle but we defeated them."

:8 3. He gave us the land.

"We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites."

:9 B. Remember what.

"Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them that you may prosper in all that you do."

:10-15 C. Remember who.

"You are standing today, all of you, before the Lord your God..."

:10 1. Leaders

"...the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel."

:11-13 2. Everybody

"...your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner..."

:14-15 3. Future generations

"...whoever is not here with us today."

:16-29 D. Remember how.

:16-21 1. Beware of idolatry

"And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold..."

:16-18a a. openly

"Beware lest there be among you a man or a woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the Lord our God to go and serve the gods of those nations."

:18b-21 b. hypocritically

"Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' ...the Lord will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law."

:22-28 2. Believe the consequences.

"Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord...and went and served other gods....'"

:29 3. Embrace the revelation.

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may do all the words of the law."

30:1-10 II. Restore your relationship with the Lord.

:1-2 A. You must return to the Lord.

"...return to the Lord your God..."

1. All of you.

"...you and your children...."

2. All of His commands.

"...and obey his voice in all that I command you today..."

3. All of your being.

"...with all your heart and with all your soul..."

:3-10 B. The Lord will restore you.

"...then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you..."

:3-5a 1. No matter where you are.

"...and he will gather you again.... If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you..."

:5b-9a 2. Better than before.

"And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers."

:5b-8 a. spiritually

"And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring.... And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord..."

:9a b. materially

"The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb, and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground."

:9b-10 3. Because He loves you.

"For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you..."

30:11-20 III. Realize the simplicity of the covenant.

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off."

:11-14 A. It is near.

"But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it."

:15-18 B. It is clear.

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil."

:19-20 C. It is dear.

"Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live...for he is your life..."

31:1-8 IV. Rest in the presence of the Lord.

"The Lord your God himself will go over before you."

:1-6 A. The congregation need not fear.

"He will destroy these nations before you.... Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

:7-8 B. The leaders need not fear.

"Be strong and courageous.... It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."