

DEUTERONOMY 10-11

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Today we will study **chapters ten and eleven** of the book of **Deuteronomy**.

10:1-5 In **verses 1 to 5** we see how God gave Moses the second set of the **10 Commandment tablets**. See **Exodus 32:15-19**.

- Almost all of God's promises are conditional. IF we will do something for Him THEN He will do something for us. *Be careful to do...that you may live, multiply, and possess.*

10:12-13 What **five things** are we told to do in **verses 12 and 13** and what do they mean?

1. We are to "fear" the Lord. See **Proverbs 8:13a**. [*All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech*]. See **Proverbs 1:7 & 9:10**. [*Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline*]. [*Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment*].
2. We are to walk in His ways (live our lives according to His principles).
3. We are to love the Lord. See **Matthew 22:37 & John 14:21**. [*37 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind"*]. [*21 Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.*"]
4. We are to serve the Lord with passion. It's what our lives are to be about. See **2 Corinthians 5:15**. [*15 He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them*].
5. We are to keep His commandments...be obedient to Him. See **Hebrews 5:9**. [*9 In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.*]

10:14 What do we learn from **verse 14**?

- *Everything* belongs to God.

What do we learn about this from **Psalm 24:1**?

- The earth, everything on it, and everybody in it belongs to God. See **Psalm 100:3 & 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**. [*Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture*]. [*19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body*].

10:15 What beautiful phrase do we have in **verse 15** that helps us to understand God's love for us?

- The Lord *set His affection* to love us.

Why does God love us?

- God loves us because of who He is, not because of who we are. See **1 John 4:8**. [*8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love*].

10:18 What do we learn about God in **verse 18**?

- God is a compassionate God. He cares for those that others may ignore (orphans, widows, aliens).

One of the easy ways that we can show compassion to marginalized people is through kindness. We should always be extra kind to those people that others might ignore. See **James 2:1-10**.

[1 My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? 2 For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. 3 If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, 4 doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? 5 Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? 6 But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? 7 Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? 8 Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 9 But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. 10 For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws].

11:1-32 Chapter 11 is a great chapter just to read through. Moses tells these people who have seen many of the miracles that they will raise children who have not seen such mighty works of the Lord. He again emphasizes that life going well for them is dependent upon their obedience to Him. **Verse 27** tells us that there is a blessing if we listen to (and, therefore, follow) the Lord and there is a curse if we do not listen to the Lord.

11:18-21 Verses 18 to 21 tell parents how to teach spiritual things to their children. What does it say?

- Make God’s Word your thoughts. See Psalm 119:9-11. *[How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. 10 I have tried hard to find you—don’t let me wander from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*
- Make God’s Word visible to your children in your home.
- Teach God’s Word to your children.
- Teach them His Word and Ways in the normal course of life (walking, sitting, lying down, rising up).

How do you teach your kids God’s truth in the “normal course of life”?

- As they talk about school. As you watch television or movies. As you watch the news. Cut out newspaper articles or magazine articles...have them read those articles...and then give them God’s perspective of those life issues.
- It becomes obvious pretty quickly that we must know God’s Word in order to reach God’s Word. We must also live what we teach or our children are sure to reject it.