

Deuteronomy highlights

BC Sermon notes
(on Deuteronomy 17.9.23 -19.5.24)

1. The Old Generation failed to possess the land Deuteronomy 1

They aborted their journey of faith, stopped trusting God as the Lord.

- The Lord had done everything necessary:
 - Set the land before them 1:8, 21
(Their goal – go in and possess the land)
 - Promised to fight for them
 - Carried them, as a man his son, all the way 1:31
(fire by night, cloud by day 1:33)
- The Israelites stopped their journey of faith
 - did not trust the Lord 1:32
 - would not listen 1:43
- The Lord's response? He did not listen to them 1:45
- The result
 - No progress for the next 40 years
 - All died in the desert
 - Failed to take possession

2. The New Generation's Journey of faith Deuteronomy 2 - 4

(They were children of the old generation)

a) The journey from Kadesh to Moab Deuteronomy 2, 3

- The Lord knew their struggles
...He knows your trudging through this great wilderness... 2:7
- The Lord with them, they lacked nothing 2:7
- The Lord fought for them, they overcame giants
 - Defeated Sihon and Og (giants) and took their lands.
2:32, 3:1, 2
- Arrived at the entry to the Promised Land.

b) Marching orders Deuteronomy 4

- The mission: Possess the Land 4:1
- The situation:
Why are you alive? You held fast (kept believing in the Lord 4:4)
Who are you? A great nation only because of wisdom from God's statutes and the Lord being with them 4: 5 - 7
- What's to be expected?
 - **L.O.T** 4:1 - 10
 - Listen ...take heed 4:1
 - Obey ...observe...act according...perform 4:1, 5, 13
 - Teach ...teach to your children 4:9, 10
 - Do not forget covenant terms and consequences 4:23 - 26

- 17.9.23
Retelling Life's story as His story Deuteronomy 1-3

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Retelling Life's story as His story. Deuteronomy 1-3

- 24.9.23
Teaching God's statutes to the next generation. Deuteronomy 4

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3. Terms of the Covenant are for our well-being *Deuteronomy 5-25*

a) Obey His commandments *Deuteronomy 5 - 6*

- Only 10 commandments (written on tablets of stone 5:22)
- The Lord's longing and heart message 5:29
...that it might be well with them...
...that they might have such a heart to fear Him...
- **L.O.T**
 - Love the Lord with all our hearts 6:5
 - Obey and Keep His words in our hearts 6:6
 - Teach (impress) on the next generation 6:7

b) Heart Testings: Know the Father heart of God *Deuteronomy 8*

- He loves as a Covenant Keeper 7: 7 - 9
- He chastens you (as a father his son) 8:5
- **R.I.C.H.** He gives good quality gifts *Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 9*
 - Refreshing springs
 - Iron and copper, gold and silver
 - Culinary delights - food varieties
 - Herds and flocks
- **H.O.P.E.** He tests our hearts (for covenant confirmation)
 - Hungry test *...humbled you... allowed you to hunger... 8:34*
 - Obedient test *...whether you would keep His commandments 8 :2*
 - Pride test *...my power / strength gained me this wealth 8:17*
 - End result *...to do you good in the end... 8:16*

c) Visualise the next level of opportunity upon entering the land.

Deuteronomy 9 - 12

- Understand God's holiness in order not to fail *Deuteronomy 9*
- Watch out for stumbling blocks to attaining your inheritance
...Circumcise your heart, do not be stiff necked 10:16
- Value the next generation 11: 18 -21
...be strong...go in and possess 11:8
- Worship at God's prescribed place of worship 12: 11 -18
 - Follow the Lord's way of worship not the nations 12:30 - 31
 - Do not add or take away what the Lord has commanded 12:32

• 1.10.23

Learn His Kingdom laws for our well-being. *Deuteronomy 4, 5*

• 8.10.23

Learn and Teach God's laws. *Deuteronomy 6*

• 13.10.23

How God impresses His love and how we express our love for Him. *Deuteronomy 7*

• 22.10.23

How does God keep His covenant of love? *Deuteronomy 7*

• 29.10.23

Heart testings for covenant confirmation with God. *Deuteronomy 8*

• 6.11.23

Stumbling blocks to attaining our Inheritance *Deuteronomy 9, 10*

• 19.11.23

What does the next level entail? *Deuteronomy 10, 11*

d) Live out your uniqueness as God's holy people

Deuteronomy 13 - 25

- Listen to the Lord's voice not others *13:18*
- Value your identity as God's special treasure (by your eating habits, tithing, giving to the poor etc) *14 - 15*
- Celebrate the Lord's festivals by appearing before Him *16:16*
- Forsake the gods of Astaroth, Baal and Molech *16:20, 17:1*
- Avoid wicked customs, protect the innocent, principles of warfare, law of divorce and sexual morality; know what God hates so as to live out His 10 commandments *17 - 25*

4) God's magnanimous heart to bless covenant keepers (not covenant breakers) *Deuteronomy 26 - 34*

- What God is giving in the future *26*
- What curses entail *27*
- The Lord is magnanimous to bless *28*
- The renewed call to be covenant keepers *29 - 31*
- The Lord's heartfelt Song (given to Moses) urging us to never forsake Him *32*
 - He blesses His people with a great future *33*
- Moses saw Promised Land from afar *34*

God could speak face to face with Moses.
Moses' report card: none mightier in works of miracles.

 - Moses never refused what God wanted him to do.
Till his last day, he was still fit to climb a high mountain.
Under blessing, as covenant keepers, we will enjoy the same strength and endurance as Moses.

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- 14.1.24
Combating danger of falling away. *Deuteronomy 13*
- 21.1.24
How to be a holy and generous people. *Deuteronomy 14, 15*
- 28.1.24
God hates detestable actions. *Deuteronomy 16 - 18*
- 4.2.24
Love your neighbour. *Deuteronomy 19-21*
- 10.3.24
Live out God's 10 commandments. *Deuteronomy 22-25*

- 3.3.24
Declaring today a future evaluation of life. *Deuteronomy 26*
- 17.3.24
Causes of covenant curses. *Deuteronomy 27*
- 24.3.24
How serious is God about curses. *Deuteronomy 28*
- 7.4.24
Heading God's warnings about unfaithfulness. *Deuteronomy 29*
- 14.4.24
Know the magnanimous heart of God. *Deuteronomy 27*
- 12.5.24
The Hour of Decision. *Deuteronomy 30*
- 21.4.24
Be strong and courageous to possess our inheritance *Deuteronomy 31*
- 28.4.24
A Song of God's faithfulness *Deuteronomy 32*
- 6.5.24
Blessing God's people with a great future. *Deuteronomy 33*
- 19.5.24
The Holy Spirit in the Pentateuch.