

Daily Bible Studies : Deuteronomy

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Deuteronomy Chapter 1 — Remember, Trust, and Move Forward

Deuteronomy chapter 1 begins with Moses speaking to the people of Israel as they stand on the edge of the Promised Land. Before they move forward, Moses reminds them of their journey and, especially, of a painful lesson from their past. God had already told them, “Go up and take possession of it.” The land was before them, and God had promised to give it to them. Yet when they saw the difficulties and the strength of their enemies, fear overcame their faith.

The problem was not that God had failed to provide. The problem was that the people allowed what they could see to become greater than the God they could trust. They forgot how the Lord had delivered them from Egypt, carried them through the wilderness, and provided for their needs. Moses reminded them that God had gone before them, just as a father carries his child.

This chapter teaches us an important lesson: our past experiences should remind us of God's faithfulness, not keep us imprisoned by our past failures. Israel had made mistakes, but God was still leading a new generation forward. Sometimes we also look at the challenges before us and become troubled, confused, or discouraged. We may see only the mountains, the enemies, and the difficulties. But God calls us to remember who He is.

Faith does not mean that there are no difficulties. Faith means trusting that God is greater than the difficulties. We may not know every step of the future, but we know the One who goes before us. Therefore, instead of allowing fear to control our hearts, let us seek the Lord, obey His Word, and move forward in faith.

Deuteronomy chapter 1 reminds us: Do not let yesterday's fear prevent today's obedience. Remember God's faithfulness, trust His presence, and courageously follow where He leads.

We pray:

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for Your faithfulness throughout our lives. Even when we have been afraid, confused, disobedient, or weak in faith, You have not abandoned us. Just as You led the people of Israel through the wilderness, we believe that You continue to lead us today.

Lord, forgive us when we allow fear to become greater than our faith. When we look at the difficulties before us and become discouraged, remind us that You are greater than every problem and that nothing is impossible for You. Help us to remember Your goodness and all the times You have carried us, protected us, and provided for us.

Please calm our troubled and restless hearts. Remove confusion, anxiety, and the many distracting thoughts within us. Give us a quiet spirit so that we may listen to Your voice. Teach us not to live in the failures of yesterday, but to trust You for today and tomorrow.

Give us courage to obey You and faith to move forward when You call us. Go before us, guide our steps, and keep our eyes fixed upon You. May we walk not by fear, but by faith; not according to what we see, but according to Your promises.

In every challenge, help us to remember that You are our God, our Father, and our strength. We place our lives, our families, and our future into Your loving hands.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 2

Move forward under God's guidance, and do not remain stuck in the past

Deuteronomy chapter 2 records an important stage in the Israelites' journey into the wilderness. God led them around the wilderness for many years, and only when the time came did He command them to proceed toward the Promised Land. This reminds us that God's guidance has His timing; we need to learn to wait and also to bravely move forward when God commands.

First, there are some journeys God wants us to pass through and cannot be skipped.

The Israelites once drifted in the wilderness for many years. For them, this period may be full of questions, but God has not forgotten His promises. There are some waiting seasons in life, and

we may not understand why God did not immediately change the environment, yet He was still in control. Waiting does not necessarily mean God is not working; sometimes waiting itself is part of God's shaping of us.

Second, God commanded the Israelites to respect the lands of other nations.

God clearly told them not to arbitrarily seize the land of the Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites, because those lands were each given by God to them. This shows us that God's promises do not mean we can ignore His commands. True faith is not just about believing in what God will give us, but also about the way and timing of believing in God.

Third, when the time is set by God, do not dwell on the past.

God said to Moses, "You have traveled around this mountain for long days; turn northward." (Deuteronomy 2:3) This statement is very powerful. Where you once needed to stay, when the time God has set comes, you need to move forward.

We may also have some "wilderness": past failures, disappointments, fears, and even past successes. If we keep looking back, we may miss the path God wants us to walk today. Therefore, we need to ask ourselves: What does God want me to learn right now? Where does God want me to go now?

Deuteronomy chapter 2 reminds us: do not doubt God because of the long wilderness, nor reject today's leadership because of past experiences. God knows the path we are walking, and also knows when to wait and when to move forward.

May we learn from the experience of the Israelites: faith in waiting, courage in advancing, humility in receiving blessings, and always believe that God's way is higher than our own.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 2 that You are a God who rules over time and ways. When we pass through the wilderness of life and feel we have waited too long and cannot see the direction ahead, please help us not to lose faith.

Lord, teach us to learn patience in waiting, trust in difficulties, and have the courage to move forward when You open the way. If we remain stuck in past failures, hurts, fears, or regrets, please help us to place these in Your hands and no longer be bound by the past.

Grant us spiritual wisdom so that we can discern what is our own will and what is Your guidance. Also, please keep us from becoming proud because of Your promises, and not losing hope because of difficult circumstances.

Lord, when You say 'move forward,' please give us faith; When You say "wait," please grant us patience. Whether in the wilderness or the promised land, let us closely follow You.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

After victory, we must still rely on God

Deuteronomy chapter 3 records the battles before the Israelites continued entering the Promised Land. They defeated Og, king of Bashan, and took his land; Moses also reflected on how God fought for the Israelites. This chapter not only talks about "victory," but also reminds us that past victories were given by God, and the path ahead will equally depend on Him.

First, do not be afraid of the enemy's strength. King

Og of Bashan was a powerful king, but God said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and his people and his land into your hands." (Deuteronomy 3:2) The Israelites' victory was not because they themselves were stronger than their enemies, but because God was with them.

In life, we also encounter some problems that seem "too big." God did not promise us that we would never have difficulties, but He reminded us not to let difficulties outweigh our faith in God.

Second, God's past faithfulness is our strength to face the future.

Moses recalled that God had already led them to defeat Sihon and Og. These past experiences became a new foundation of faith.

When we face the next difficulty, we can reflect on how God has helped us in the past. It is not about living in the past, but about seeing from the past: since God was once faithful, he is still worthy of our trust today.

Third, when you gain inheritance, you must also learn to share responsibilities with each other. The

tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh had already received the land east of the Jordan River, but Moses instructed them not to indulge only in their own comfort. They must let the other tribes prevail together until all the brothers have received their own inheritance.

This is also an important reminder for today's church: the blessings God gives us are not just for our own enjoyment, but also for helping others. Our time, gifts, money, experience, and lives can all become blessings to others.

Finally, this chapter also records Moses pleading with God to let him enter the Promised Land, but God did not grant his request. This is a profound reminder: even if we long for something, it does not mean God will necessarily fulfill it as we ask.

Moses still had to accept God's arrangement. This helps us understand that faith is not just about believing God will act according to our prayers, but also believing that even if God's answers differ from our wishes, He is still faithful.

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 3 gives us three reminders:

When facing difficulties, do not be afraid; Looking back, remember God's faithfulness; Facing the future, continue to obey God.

We pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 3 that You are the God who fights for us. When we face powerful difficulties, an unknown future, and things beyond our abilities, please help us not to be controlled by fear, but to remember Your faithfulness in the past.

Lord, please help us constantly remember how You once led us, protected us, and provided for us. When new difficulties arise, let us not only look at the size of our circumstances, but look to Your greatness.

Please also grant us hearts willing to share. When You bless us, let us not only think of our own needs, but also be willing to support our brothers and sisters, becoming blessings to others.

Lord, sometimes we pray for something but do not receive the answer we expect. Please help us learn the lesson of Moses, to know that Your wisdom surpasses ours, and Your ways are higher than ours. Even if Your answer is not what we hope for, let us still believe that You are a good, faithful, and loving God.

Please lead us on the path ahead, so that we may not be proud in victory, not discouraged in difficulties, and not lose faith in waiting.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 4: Do not forget the Lord

Deuteronomy chapter 4 is Moses' important admonition to the people of Israel. Before they entered the Promised Land, Moses reminded the people: obey God's word, keep His commandments, and do not forget all that Jehovah has done for you.

Many times in life, when we are in difficulty, it is easy to call upon God; But as the environment gradually improves and life stabilizes, we may slowly forget God. The Israelites had personally witnessed God working mightily: He led them out of Egypt, provided for them in the wilderness, and appeared to them at Mount Sinai. God is not a distant, indifferent God, but a God who actively seeks, saves, and teaches His people.

So Moses especially reminded them: "Be careful and diligent, watch your soul, and do not forget what you have seen with your own eyes." This sentence also reminds us today. Faith cannot remain stuck in past experiences; it also requires daily remembrance, closeness, and obedience to God's words.

Chapter 4 also teaches us not to arbitrarily add or remove God's word. This means that we do not choose to obey God according to our own preferences, but rather humbly accept His teachings. Sometimes, God's word may differ from our own thoughts; Sometimes, obeying God is not easy. But true wisdom is not just doing what you love, but believing that God knows better than we do what is good for us.

In addition, God forbade the Israelites from idolatry. Today, we may not kneel to statues or wooden statues, but anything that replaces God as the first place in our hearts can become our "idol": money, fame, power, work, and even our own thoughts and emotions. God asks us to love Him wholeheartedly, because He knows that only by returning to the Lord who created us can our hearts find true direction and peace.

However, Deuteronomy chapter 4 also brings us great comfort. Even if people have distanced themselves from God, as long as they sincerely seek Him, God is still willing to let people find Him. The Scripture says, "If you seek the Lord your God from there, you will find it." This is a promise full of hope. We may experience weakness and failure, or we may go through a period of inner turmoil and confusion, feeling distant from God; But as long as we are willing to turn back and seek God, He is still waiting for us.

Today, let us learn not to forget God's grace and ask the Lord to help us guard our hearts. Whether the circumstances are smooth or difficult, remember God's past guidance; Whether calm or turbulent, all are willing to return to Him. Because the God we trust in is faithful; He will not forget His covenant, nor will He easily abandon those who seek Him.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us again through Deuteronomy chapter 4 to carefully guard our hearts and not forget Your grace and Your past guidance. Lord, we admit that many times we are easily overwhelmed by the busyness of life, worldly matters, and worries in our hearts, causing our hearts to become restless and confused, and even gradually losing our initial trust in You.

Please forgive us for sometimes forgetting You and forgetting the grace You have once shown in our lives. May the Holy Spirit remind us once again to remember Your faithfulness, lovingkindness, and unwavering guidance.

Lord, when our hearts feel restless, please calm us; When our minds are confused, please guide us with Your truth; When we are troubled by anger, worry, and irritability, please grant us peace from heaven. Help us not to let money, fame, circumstances, or our own thoughts replace Your place in our hearts.

Grant us a heart willing to obey, so that we not only listen to Your word but are also willing to follow it in our daily lives. Even if we have been weak, stumbled, or even felt far from You, please help us turn to You again and seek You.

For You promise that as long as we sincerely seek You, we will find You. May we know You more each day, love You more, and trust You more.

Lord, please guard our hearts, so that we may still fix our eyes on You in this chaotic world; Let Your peace fill us, so that we may know You are always our God, the rock we can rely on.

We pray this way in the precious holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear God's word, live out reverence and obedience

Deuteronomy chapter 5 is a very important chapter, because Moses once again proclaims the covenant God gave at Mount Horeb to the Israelites and rereads the Ten Commandments. The new generation of Israelis is about to enter the Promised Land, and they need to know that God's people not only receive God's blessings, but must also learn to obey God's word.

First, God's commandments concern the way of life.

The Ten Commandments are not simply a set of rules, but God's teaching of His people how to establish the right relationship with God and with others. The first commandment says there must be no other gods; This reminds us that God must be first in our lives.

Today, we may not kneel to idols, but we can still put money, work, success, fame, and even our own will above God. Therefore, we need to constantly ask ourselves: "Who is truly at the top of my life?"

Second, keeping the Sabbath reminds us that God not only wants us to work, but also to learn to rest.

God commanded the Israelites to keep the Sabbath, not just to stop working, but to acknowledge that life cannot be sustained by their own efforts. People need to pause and remember that it is God who provides and protects us.

Today, our lives are busy, and it's easy to mistake 'busy' for the value of life. But God reminds us: our value is not based on how much we have done, but on belonging to God.

Third, fearing God and loving God are not contradictory.

The Israelites felt awe upon hearing God's voice because they knew God was holy, great, and authoritative. But true reverence is not just fear of punishment; it comes from knowing God's holiness, and being willing to respect and obey Him.

A person who truly loves God will not just ask, "What can God give me?" Instead, they ask, "What kind of person does God want me to become?"]

Fourth, when we hear God's word, it is even more important to follow it.

Moses said, "Therefore, be careful and obedient, this is what the Lord your God has commanded you." (Deuteronomy 5:32)

Having a lot of biblical knowledge does not necessarily mean life will change. True faith is bringing God's word from the mind into our lives: how we speak, treat our family, handle money, face others' success, and forgive others should all be made our standard.

Deuteronomy chapter 5 reminds us that God's commandments are not meant to limit us, but to guide us on a blessed path of life.

May we not only read God's word, but also be willing to listen; Not only listening, but also willing to follow; Not only do we follow external rules, but we also let God's word change our hearts.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us again through Deuteronomy chapter 5 that You are a holy, just, and loving God. You gave us Your words not to deprive us of freedom, but to guide us onto the right path.

Lord, please help us to put You first in our lives. If our hearts are occupied by money, work, fame, material things, or our own will, please remind us to return to You.

Please teach us to truly fear You, not just out of fear of punishment, but because we love You, respect You, and are willing to do Your will.

Lord, please help us learn to be quiet amid our busy lives and find true rest before You. Let us know that our lives are not based solely on our own abilities and efforts, but require Your provision and protection every day.

Please place Your words in our hearts, so that we may not only listen to sermons and read the Bible, but also put Your teachings into practice in our daily lives. As we face family, work, relationships, and various choices, ask the Holy Spirit to grant us wisdom so that we may know what path pleases You.

Lord, may You change our hearts so that we may become people who fear You, love You, and obey You. Let our lives not only receive Your grace but also become a blessing to others.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 6: Love the Lord with all your heart, engrave God's word in your heart

Deuteronomy chapter 6 is a very important chapter in the Bible, and its core message is: "Israel, listen to me! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." This is not only a command for the Israelites, but also a crucial reminder for every Christian in the life of today.

God first asks us to "listen." True faith begins with listening to God's word. Every day, we hear many different voices: voices from the world, people's opinions, news reports, our own worries and fears. But God reminds us to quiet our hearts and listen to His voice again.

Then, God commanded the Israelites to love Him with all their heart, soul, and strength. Here, 'love' is not just a simple affection, but a whole-person commitment. God does not just want us to worship Him on Sundays, but wants Him to be the center of our entire lives, including our families, work, money, relationships, and our daily thoughts and choices.

Deuteronomy chapter 6 especially reminds parents to teach God's word to their children.

"Whether you are sitting at home, walking on the street, lying down, or getting up, you must talk about it." This shows us that faith education should not only happen within the church, but should also be part of our daily lives.

We can thank God during meals, pray together in times of difficulty, reflect on biblical teachings when making decisions, and remind each other of God's grace within the family. When children see their parents not just saying they believe in God, but truly relying on God in their daily lives, they can see faith in their lives.

On the other hand, Moses also reminded the Israelites not to forget the Lord when they entered the promised land and lived prosperously. This is also an important reminder for us today.

People tend to seek God in difficult times, but when life goes smoothly, material wealth is abundant, and problems decrease, it is easy to place God in a secondary position. Therefore, true faith is not just 'faith in trouble,' but also faith that 'remembers God after being blessed.'

Today, we can ask ourselves: **What place does God hold in my life? **Are we truly wholeheartedly, with all our hearts, souls, and strength? Or do you seek Him only when you need Him?

The Lord Jesus later quoted this passage, pointing out that loving the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind is one of the greatest commandments. This helps us understand that the core of the Christian life is not external religious forms, but a heart that truly loves God.

May we learn every day to put God first in our lives. When our hearts are troubled and our thoughts are confused, we should first return to God; When we face choices, we first seek His will; When we enjoy blessings, we never forget to thank Him.

May God's words not only be written in the Bible, but also deeply engraved in our hearts, becoming the direction of our daily lives.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 6 to listen to Your word and love You with all our heart, soul, and strength.

Lord, we admit that many times our hearts are filled with all kinds of voices of the world, drawn by work, family, money, news, worries, and many unfinished matters, to the point that our hearts become restless and confused, even forgetting that You are the true center of our lives.

Today, please quiet our hearts, so that we may temporarily set aside the noise outside, lay down the burdens in our hearts, and return to You again. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us hear Your voice, so that we may regain strength, direction, and peace in Your Word.

Lord, forgive us for sometimes loving the world more than loving You, relying on our own abilities more than relying on You. Grant us a heart that loves You single-mindedly, so that we may not just call You Lord with our lips, but truly let You be our Lord in every aspect of our lives.

Please also bless our families and help us bring Your word into our family life. Let us use our own lives as beautiful witnesses, so that the next generation may know, love, and fear You.

When we live abundantly, please help us not forget You; When we face difficulties, please keep us from leaving You; When we are lost in our hearts, please be our direction; When we feel tired and irritable, please be our rest.

Lord, please deeply engrave Your words in our hearts, so that every day when we sit, rise, work, and rest, remember that You are with us.

May our lives be not just about knowing You, but truly loving You; Not only to hear Your word, but also to be willing to do Your will.

Please guard the heart of every Christian, so that even in this chaotic world, we may still look to the Lord Jesus alone and remain quiet in Your presence.

We pray this way in the victorious name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 7: Sanctified by God's love

Deuteronomy chapter 7 is Moses' important reminder to the Israelites. The Israelites were about to enter the land of Canaan, promised by God, facing many different peoples and cultures. God commanded them to be careful not to be assimilated by the idols and pagan customs around them. The core of this passage is not just "turning away from sin," but also reminding God's people: You belong to God, so set apart in your daily lives.

God said to the Israelites, "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God." This statement is very important. The Israelites were not chosen by God because they were superior to other nations. The scriptures clearly state that God chose them not because of their numbers, but because He loved them and kept the oath He made to their ancestors.

This helps us understand that God's election is first and foremost grace, not human merit.

Today, we become Christians not because we are better or more complete than others, but because of God's grace. It is the Lord Jesus Christ who saves us and makes us people of God. Therefore, our faith should not bring pride, but rather gratitude, humility, and loyalty to God.

Deuteronomy chapter 7 also reminds the Israelites not to form false spiritual connections with those who might lead them away from God. Because God knows that people are easily

influenced by their surroundings. What a person encounters, hears, sees, and walks with every day gradually influences their thoughts and values.

This principle still applies today. We live in a world full of different values; this is not to tell us to run away from it, but to remind us not to let the world change our faithfulness to God.

Furthermore, God reminded the Israelites not to fear enemies stronger than themselves. Because God once led them out of Egypt, He will surely lead them into the Promised Land.

Sometimes, when we face life's difficulties, we also feel fear: illness, family problems, financial pressure, job difficulties, and uncertainty about the future can all leave us in turmoil. But God reminds us: don't just look at how great the difficulties are; remember how great God is.

Deuteronomy chapter 7 concludes with a very precious message: God is a faithful God. He keeps His covenant and shows love, showing love to those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Therefore, today we can come before God with faith. Maybe we don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we know who will govern it. Perhaps the road ahead is full of challenges, but we know God will not abandon those who belong to Him.

May we remember: God does not love us because we are strong; It is because God loves us that we have the strength to keep moving forward.

When our hearts are troubled, fearful, and confused, let us return to God, remember His past grace, trust in His present presence, and entrust the future to Him.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 7 that You are a faithful, covenant-keeping, and loving God. Thank You not for being worthy, but for Your grace and love, for choosing us to be Your people.

Lord, we admit that we are often weak and easily influenced by our surroundings. Our hearts are easily drawn to the voices of the world, people's opinions, money, fame, and all sorts of things, so that we gradually place You in a secondary position in our lives.

Please forgive us, and pray that the Holy Spirit will guard our hearts, so that we may remain faithful to You in this world full of temptations. Help us learn to discern what is pleasing to You and what will keep us away from You.

Lord, when we face difficulties and fears, please remind us not to focus only on our surroundings, but to look to You. When we feel the road ahead is too difficult, let us remember Your past guidance; When we feel lonely, let us know that You are still with us.

Please calm our restless, confused, and uneasy hearts within. Place the peace that comes from You within us, so that we are not controlled by fear or shaken by circumstances.

Lord, please help us understand that Your love is not because we are perfect, but because You Yourself are a loving and faithful God. Let us be humble by Your grace and empowered by Your love to keep moving forward.

Please protect our families, work, and daily lives, so that we may live out Your lives in our words, thoughts, and actions.

No matter what tomorrow brings, please grant us faith to believe that You still control everything. Let us not be afraid, do not shrink back, but hold only to Your promises.

May we remember throughout our lives: You are the faithful God, and those You love, You will never abandon; On the path You lead, You will personally walk with us.

We pray this way in the victorious name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Do not forget God in your abundance

Deuteronomy chapter 8 is a very important reminder. After forty years of wilderness, the Israelites were about to enter the beautiful land God had promised. Moses knew that the difficult wilderness would test a person's faith, but a life of abundance would also test their heart.

1. The wilderness is where God shapes us

Moses reminded the Israelites that God led them through the wilderness to "test you and test you, to know what is in your heart."

Although the wilderness is difficult, it is not a place without God's presence. God supplied them with manna for forty years, so their clothes were not worn and their feet were not swollen.

This reminds us that some difficulties are not proof that God has left us; rather, they may be the process of God shaping our lives.

When we face difficulties, we might simply ask, "God, why did I have this situation?" But we can also ask: "God, what do You want me to learn from this experience?"

2. True life is not just about material things

Deuteronomy 8:3 says:

"Man does not live by food alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

Food can sustain our bodies, but God's word truly guides our lives.

Today, it's easy for us to focus our lives on income, housing, work, health, and material things. These things all have their importance, but they cannot be the ultimate support of our lives.

What we need is not only what God has given, but also God Himself.

3. The greatest danger may not be lack, but plenty

After the Israelites entered the good land, they would have springs, grain, new wine, cattle and sheep, and abundant resources. Moses specifically reminded them:

"Be careful, lest you forget the Lord your God."

This is a very profound reminder.

In difficult times, it is easy for us to pray: "Lord, please help me." But after God grants peace, success, and abundance, we may gradually reduce our prayers and forget Him.

So, difficulties can test our faith, and success can test our humility.

We cannot seek Him only when we need Him, but should worship Him in both abundance and lack.

4. Do not say, "My ability has given me this wealth."

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 reminds the Israelites not to say in their hearts, "This wealth is from my strength and ability."

This doesn't mean hard work is worthless, but rather a reminder that all our abilities, opportunities, wisdom, and resources ultimately do not come for granted.

When we succeed, we can work hard, but we should not be arrogant; You can enjoy God's blessings, but don't forget the God who blesses you.

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 8 gives us a very important spiritual principle:

Do not forget God in lack, and do not forget God in abundance.

May we be able to say, whether in the wilderness or in good land, whether many or few:

"Lord, what I need is not just Your blessings, but I need You even more."

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 8 that You are the God who provides for us in the wilderness, keeps us in hardship, and remains with us in abundance.

Lord, as we experience the wilderness of life, please grant us faith so that we do not doubt Your love because of difficult circumstances. Let us believe that even if we cannot see the road ahead, You still know everything we need.

Please also help us remember Your past grace. As we look back on life, let us see how You once provided, led, and protected us, so that we do not forget Your faithfulness.

Lord, when You grant us abundance, success, and security, please guard our hearts, so that we do not become proud, nor let us take all the credit for ourselves. Let us remember that all good gifts come from You.

Please help us not only to pursue the blessings You have given, but also to long for Yourself. Let Your word become the true bread of our lives, so that we may be willing every day to draw near to You, listen to You, and follow Your word.

Whether we are in the wilderness today or in abundance, please help us remember You forever.

Trust in You in lack, thank You in abundance, and never forget You in any circumstance.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 9: Not by his own righteousness, but by the grace of God

Deuteronomy chapter 9 is a very important reminder from Moses to the Israelites. The Israelites were about to enter Canaan, facing nations stronger than themselves and fortified cities. Moses first told them not to think that they could gain the land because they were righteous and better than others.

God gave them the promised land not because of their own righteousness, but because of God's faithfulness and His promises.

This message is very important for us Christians today. All the grace we receive is not because we deserve it, but because of God's mercy.

The Israelites rebelled against God many times in the wilderness, even worshipping golden calves on Mount Horeb. Moses recalled this period of history to urge the people not to forget their own weaknesses. They saw God's mighty power with their own eyes, yet they still quickly left Him.

This reminds us that it is easy for people to forget God.

When God helps us through difficulties, we may be filled with gratitude; But after a while, life returns to stability, and we may once again rely on our own abilities. When prayer is answered, we know it is God's grace; But when things go well, we tend to think it's the result of our intelligence, hard work, and ability.

So Moses reminded the Israelites: do not turn God's grace into your own achievement.

Deuteronomy chapter 9 also shows us Moses interceding for the people. He bowed down before God for forty days and nights because the people had sinned, pleading with Him not to destroy His people. This is a beautiful picture of intercession.

Moses did not only criticize the people, but stood between God and the people, praying for them. This also reminds us of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even if we are weak, stumble, or sin today, we can come before God to repent, because Christ is our mediator.

This is not to say sin is unimportant. In contrast, Deuteronomy chapter 9 tells us very seriously that rebellion against God brings consequences. But God's mercy far exceeds human failure. He is willing to forgive those who truly repent and is willing to lead us anew.

Therefore, we should not assume that we have no hope just because we have failed; Nor should we assume we are more spiritual than others just because we have achieved some things now.

True faith is to admit: "I do not stand by my own righteousness, but by the grace of God."

When we feel restless, confused, or even disappointed by our own faults, don't keep trapped in self-blame. Let us return to God, admit our shortcomings, accept His forgiveness, and stand up again by Him.

Similarly, when we see others' weaknesses, we should not judge them arrogantly. For we ourselves are also blessed. We can, like Moses, pray for our brothers and sisters, asking God for mercy, healing, and restoration.

May Deuteronomy chapter 9 remind us: God does not love us because we are so good; Because God is originally faithful, loving, and merciful.

Therefore, let us receive grace with humility, treat others with compassion, and rely daily on the path of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 9 that we can stand today not because of our own righteousness or our own strength, but entirely by Your grace and mercy.

Lord, we admit that we are often weak and easily forget You. You have helped us through many difficulties, but sometimes, once life is stable, we begin to rely on ourselves, even taking Your grace as our own ability.

Please forgive our pride, self-righteousness, and ungratefulness. May the Holy Spirit shine upon us, so that we may always remember Your guidance in our lives.

Lord, when we sin, fail, and stumble, please grant us a heart that truly repents. Do not let us distance ourselves from You because of our own transgressions, nor let us fall into despair and self-blame. Help us return to You, accept Your forgiveness, and stand up again through the Lord Jesus.

Please also teach us to intercede for others like Moses. When we see our family, friends, and brothers and sisters weak, let us not rush to criticize or judge, but instead pray for them with love, asking for Your mercy, redeeming, and guiding them.

Lord, please especially quiet our troubled, confused, and uneasy hearts. When we feel unworthy and the road ahead is too difficult, remind us that our hope is not built on our own abilities, but on Your faithful grace.

Help us not to be proud or inferior; Don't rely on yourself, nor give up because of failure. Let us learn to humbly rely on You every day.

Thank You, through the Lord Jesus Christ, for allowing us imperfect people to come before You and receive forgiveness, grace, and peace.

May we remember throughout our lives: not for our own righteousness, but for Your grace; Not by your own strength, but by Your power.

Please lead us to follow the Lord Jesus every day, grow in grace, learn through failure, trust in difficulties, and never forget You in every circumstance.

We pray this way in the precious holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

What God desires is a heart that turns to Him

Deuteronomy chapter 10 records Moses receiving two tablets of the law again. This happened after the Israelites worshipped the golden calf and failed in their sins. This chapter shows us a very precious truth: human failure cannot stop God's grace, but God's grace does not mean we continue sinning, but leads us back to Him

1. God is willing to give people a chance to start anew

The Israelites had committed serious sins and quickly strayed from Him after making a covenant with them. However, God commanded Moses to carve two stone tablets again, and God once again wrote His words on them.

This shows us God's mercy. When we fail, stumble, or even drift away from God, we should not think, "I have no hope left."

God's discipline is real, but God's mercy is also real.

We need to admit our mistakes, turn back to God, and accept His forgiveness and renewal.

2. What God truly values is our hearts

Deuteronomy 10:16 says:

"Therefore, you must remove the filth in your hearts and no longer stubbornly hold on."

The focus here is not merely on outwardly observing religious rules, but truly turning to God within.

We can attend meetings, read the Bible, sing hymns, and pray, but if our hearts still refuse to obey God, it is easy to become a faith that only has outward appearances.

God does not want someone who is godly only on the outside, but a soft, humble heart willing to be transformed by God.

3. Fear and love God, and also serve others

Deuteronomy 10:12 says:

"Israel, what is it that the Lord your God wants from you now? Just fear the Lord your God, walk in His ways, love Him, and serve Him with all your heart and soul."

This verse can be considered the core of this chapter.

God wants us to fear Him, love Him, walk in His ways, and serve Him wholeheartedly.

And God's love for people should also flow from our lives. Verse 18 specifically mentions that God "avenges orphans and widows, and has compassion on foreigners." Therefore, a person who truly loves God should also care for those in need.

Loving God and loving others are not two separate matters, but two sides of faith in life.

4. Don't forget that you too were once a sojourner

Moses reminded the Israelites that they themselves had once been sojourners in Egypt. Therefore, they should understand the needs of sojourners and treat them kindly.

This reminds us: when God blesses us, we must not forget how we once needed His help.

Those who have received grace should become givers of grace; Those who are mercifully shown by God should also learn to show mercy to others.

Deuteronomy chapter 10 concludes by reminding us to rely on God wholeheartedly, for He is great, powerful, and faithful.

So today we can ask ourselves:

Is my faith merely an external religious life, or does it truly love God from the heart?

May we give our hearts to God every day, turn back from failure, give thanks in grace, follow God's way in life, and serve those around us with love.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 10 that You are holy, just, and full of mercy and grace.

Lord, we admit that we are often weak, make mistakes, and sometimes forget You and stray from Your ways just like the Israelites. Please forgive us, cleanse our hearts, and bring us back to You.

Lord, please remove the hardness in our hearts. Do not let us have only outward faith, but let us fear You, love You, long for Your word from our hearts, and be willing to do Your will.

When we fail, please help us to repent, not to run from You; When we are blessed, please help us remember that all grace comes from You.

Grant us a merciful heart, so that when we see those in need, we are not just compassion, but willing to reach out and help. Let us be channels of Your grace, bringing the love we receive from You to family, friends, and those around us.

Lord, may we fear You, love You, and serve You all our lives. Whether the circumstances are smooth or difficult, let us follow You closely.

Please help us not only know Your Word, but truly change our hearts.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen

Love God, remember God, and live out His word

Deuteronomy chapter 11 is Moses' exhortation to the Israelites. As the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, Moses reminded them: Do not forget God's past guidance, nor let God's word remain in your mind, but let God's word enter your family and daily life.

1. To love God is to obey His commands

Verse 1 says: "Love the Lord your God, and keep His commandments, statutes, statutes, and commandments."

Here, "loving God" is linked with "obeying God's word." True love is not just saying "I love God," but being willing to live according to His will.

We can ask ourselves: Is my love for God also reflected in my choices, words, and dealings with others?

When we love someone, we naturally care about their heart. Similarly, when we truly love God, we long to understand His words and are willing to follow them.

2. Remember what God has done for us

Moses reminded the Israelites to recall the miracles God performed in Egypt and how He led and disciplined them in the wilderness.

People easily remember difficulties but forget grace.

So we need to constantly review God's faithfulness: How did He lead us? How did He support us when we had no strength? How did He open the way when we did not know the way?

Remembering God's past grace can help us build faith to face the future.

3. God's blessings are not just material but walk with Him

God promised the Israelites to enter a "land flowing with milk and honey." But Moses clearly pointed out that this land was different from Egypt; it was a place where one needed to look to and rely on God.

This reminds us that true blessing is not just having more material things, but still walking with God in the environment He has given.

If you have much wealth but lose God, it is not true abundance; If life is not perfect, but you still have God's presence, you can still have true peace.

4. God's word needs to enter the family

Verses 18 to 20 especially emphasize that God's word should be kept in our hearts, and that we should teach our children, and 'whether you are sitting at home, walking on the road, lying down, or getting up, you must speak of it.'

This gives us an important reminder: faith should not be just a Sunday matter

God's Word should enter our families, work, relationships, and daily decisions.

Parents and elders also have the responsibility to pass their faith on to the next generation, so that the next generation not only knows the stories of the Bible but also knows that God is trustworthy.

5. We make choices every day

Deuteronomy chapter 11 finally places "blessing" and "curse" before people. This does not mean that people can earn God's grace through their own actions, but rather reminds us that the path of obeying God brings blessings in life, while turning away from God's path brings serious consequences

Today, we make choices every day: should we rely on our own will, or seek God's will? Should we follow the values of the world, or follow God's word?

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 11 gives us a very simple yet important message:

Love God, remember God, teach the next generation, obey God's word, and choose to walk in God's path every day.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 11 to love You, fear You, and keep Your word in our hearts.

Lord, we admit that it is easy to forget Your grace. When difficulties come, we tend to see the problems but forget how You have led us in the past. Please help us to always remember Your faithfulness, count Your grace in our lives, so that we may face the future with confidence.

Give us a heart that loves You, so that we may not only say we love You but also be willing to follow Your word in our daily lives. When we face important decisions, ask the Holy Spirit to guide us so that we choose the path that pleases You.

Lord, please help us bring faith into our families. Let us not only read the Bible and pray for ourselves, but also be willing to share Your truth with the next generation. May our families become places to worship You, learn Your word, and love one another.

When You bless us, please keep us from forgetting You; When we face difficulties, please keep us from leaving You. Let us follow You closely, whether in good times or bad.

Lord, please help us to choose life every day, choose obedience, choose to trust in You.

May Your words not only be written in the Bible, but also written in our hearts and lived out from our own lives.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen

Deuteronomy chapter 12: Worship God alone, and act according to His will

One of the most important messages in Deuteronomy chapter 12 is that God requires His people to worship Him alone and to worship Him in the manner He commands.

When the Israelites entered Canaan, they encountered many different religions and idols. Moses therefore commanded them to tear down the idol-worshipping altars, pillars, and various pagan worship practices, and not to bring the religious customs of surrounding peoples into worship of God.

This is also an important reminder for Christians today: we cannot worship God while letting the world be the true master of our lives

Today, we may not kneel to idols, but "idols" are not necessarily wood or stone. Money, career, fame, power, enjoyment, and even our own opinions may gradually become idols in our hearts.

Therefore, we need to constantly ask ourselves:

"Who is truly the first person in my life?"

Deuteronomy chapter 12 also places special emphasis on places of worship. God wanted the Israelites to worship, offer sacrifices, and rejoice before God at the places He had chosen, following His commands.

This shows us that worshiping God is not just about fulfilling a religious responsibility. Worship should be a life that establishes a relationship with God.

Sometimes we come to church simply out of habit; Sometimes we sing hymns, pray, listen to sermons, yet our hearts are still occupied by many things. Deuteronomy reminds us that the center of worship is not human feelings, but God Himself.

We come before God because He deserves our worship.

On the other hand, this chapter also mentions "joy" many times. God does not want His people to come before Him with heavy hearts and fear. When we know we belong to God, know that He provides for us and protects us, we should rejoice before Him with a grateful heart.

True worship can have tears or joy; It can be quiet or praise, but most importantly, our hearts truly turn to God.

Deuteronomy chapter 12 also reminds the people to be careful not to worship God according to their own will. This is a very important spiritual principle: God not only looks at whether we worship, but also on whether we are willing to worship according to His word

Today, we also need to learn this in our daily lives. It's not about "doing whatever I think is good," but first asking: "How does God's word teach me?"

When we make life decisions, handle family relationships, face money, work, and interpersonal relationships, we can all learn to seek God's will.

Deuteronomy chapter 12 concludes with a reminder not to follow human customs and stray from God. This is especially important for Christians living in a complex world today. We can live in the world, but we must not let it become the master of our values.

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 12 gives us a very clear message:

Tear down the idols in your heart and worship God alone; Let go of your own will and seek God's will; Do not be led by the world, but let God's word become the direction of our lives.

When our hearts are troubled, confused, and uneasy, what we need most is not to make ourselves busier, but to return to God.

Quiet our hearts, let go of the sounds outside, and look to the Lord Jesus again.

Because true peace is not about the environment being completely without problems, but about knowing that God still sits on the throne amid all problems, and that He still rules over our lives.

May we learn every day to put God first, so that worship happens not only in the church but also in our daily lives.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 12 to worship You alone and live according to Your will.

Lord, we admit that our hearts are easily drawn to the world. Sometimes we put money, work, family, fame, enjoyment, and even our own will before You. Please forgive us, ask the Holy Spirit to shine upon us, so that we may see anything in life that replaces Your place.

Lord, please help us to tear down the idols in our hearts. Let us no longer be swayed by the values of the world, nor let our voices be louder than yours.

Grant us a single-minded heart, so that we may love You, worship You, and follow You. When we make any decision, we should not just ask ourselves if we like You, but be willing to seek Your will.

Lord, when we come to church to worship, please prepare our hearts so that we come before You not only in outward worship, but in truth. Let our singing, prayer, offerings, and listening all become sincere worship of You.

Please also help us bring worship into our daily lives. Whether in our families, work, church, or society, let people see Christ in our lives.

Lord, when we feel restless, confused, and uneasy in our hearts, please calm us down. Help us to let go of things we cannot control, entrust our worries to You, and renew our eyes to the Lord Jesus.

Please remind us that You are the true center of our lives. Whether the circumstances are smooth or difficult, whether we rejoice or shed tears, let us still choose to worship and trust You.

May Your Word be the light before our feet and the light on our path, guiding us on the path of Your joy.

Please keep us and our families safe, so that we may follow You alone throughout our lives, without turning to the left or right, until we see Your face.

We pray this way in the precious holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 13: Remaining Faithful to God Amidst Deception

Deuteronomy chapter 13 is a more serious passage. Moses reminded the Israelites that after entering the Promised Land, they would encounter all kinds of temptations and temptations, and some might even use miracles, wonders, or very attractive words to lead them away from Jehovah to worship other gods.

Here's an important reminder: not everything that seems supernatural, successful, or attractive is necessarily from God

Sometimes, someone may speak very reasonably or even behave surprisingly, but if their teachings lead us away from God and cause us to stop worshipping the one true God, we must discern carefully.

Therefore, faith cannot be built solely on "what I saw" or "how I feel," but must be founded on the truth God has already revealed.

Deuteronomy chapter 13 especially reminds the people: "Obey the Lord your God, fear Him, keep His commandments, listen to His word, serve Him, and rely on Him alone."

Here, there is a very important word: '**exclusive support'.

God does not want us to rely half on Him and half on the world; Nor does He seek Him only when we encounter difficulties and forget Him in peacetime. God wants us to belong to Him with all our hearts.

Today, we face many different voices as well. The world tells us that money can bring security; success can bring value; human identity can bring satisfaction; and one's own abilities can solve all problems.

But the Bible reminds us that none of these things can replace God.

True security does not come from the environment, but from God; True value does not come from others' praise, but from knowing that we are God's beloved children in Christ.

This chapter also mentions that even those close to us, even family and friends, must be very cautious if tempted to leave God. This does not mean we lack love, but rather reminds us that no one can replace God as the first place in our lives

We love our families and friends, but first and foremost, we must be faithful to God.

On the other hand, Deuteronomy chapter 13 also shows us the seriousness of sin. If the Israelites allowed idol worship to spread within their community, eventually the entire nation might turn away from God. Therefore, God required them to remove idols and preserve the purity of faith for the whole community.

For Christians today, we should not directly apply these penal laws to modern society; But the spiritual principle remains very important: we must seriously deal with sin in our lives and not let it take root

A small compromise, if kept yielding, could eventually become a major problem.

So, we need to reflect on ourselves every day:

"Is there something slowly replacing God's place?"

"Are there any thoughts that make me increasingly unwilling to draw near to God?"

"Are there habits I know don't please God, but I just can't let go?"

Deuteronomy chapter 13 ultimately does not simply tell us to fear temptation, but calls us to know God, love God, and trust Him even more.

The more we know God, the easier it is to discern errors; The more we love God, the less willing we are to leave Him; The more we rely on God, the more we can resist temptation.

Therefore, in this world full of different voices, let us keep God's word hidden in our hearts.

When we don't know what to believe, we return to the Bible; When we don't know which path to take, we seek God; When our hearts are troubled and confused, we are quiet before the Lord.

Do not let anyone, anything, or any environment replace God's place in our lives.

May we all our lives be able to "rely exclusively" on Jehovah, faithfully following the Lord Jesus until the very last step of our lives.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 13 that in this world full of different voices and temptations, we must carefully guard our hearts, worship You, follow You, and rely solely on You.

Lord, we admit we are weak and easily influenced by our environment, people's words, and the values of the world. Sometimes we hear pleasant words and forget Your truth; Sometimes we overlook Your heart in order to gain people's approval.

Please forgive us.

Ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the ability to discern, so that we can discern what is in accordance with Your truth and what will slowly lead us away from You.

Lord, please guard our hearts and not let any idol enter our lives. If money becomes our reliance, remind us; If work, fame, or recognition replace You, please awaken us; If our own will becomes the center of our lives, please help us humble ourselves.

Lord, please let us truly "rely on You."

When we face difficulties, let us seek You first; When we face choices, let us seek Your will; When we are afraid in our hearts, let us believe that You still have everything.

Please especially quiet our restless, confused, and uneasy hearts. Let us temporarily set aside the sounds outside, return to You, and find peace again in You.

Lord, please help us love You more than we love the world, be faithful to You more than seek praise from others. Also, please protect our families, so that we may encourage one another, draw near to You, read Your word together, and pray together.

May we put You first in our lives every day.

No matter how many voices there are in the world, please let us still hear Your voice; No matter how difficult the road ahead, please help us continue to follow You wholeheartedly.

May we hold fast to faith throughout our lives, never stray from Your path, and worship the one true God alone.

We pray this way in the precious holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 14: God's people live lives set apart as holy

At the beginning of Deuteronomy chapter 14, Moses reminds the Israelites: "You are children of the LORD your God." This statement is very important because it first reminds us not of "what you will do," but "who you are."

The reason the Israelites lived a life different from other peoples was because they were God's people. Today, Christians are the same. We do not become loved by our own actions, but by

God's grace, we become His children in Christ. Therefore, our lives should reflect our identity as belonging to God.

This chapter first discusses dietary regulations, listing clean and unclean foods. For Christians today, we do not need to treat these dietary regulations from the Old Testament as conditions for salvation. The New Testament has already shown us that a person's purity is not just a matter of outward diet, but more importantly, it concerns the heart.

But behind these laws lies an important spiritual principle: God's people must learn to be set apart

"Set apart as holy" does not mean we must leave the world and avoid contact with anyone, but rather that although we live in the world, we do not let it become the master of our lives.

Every day, we encounter many different thoughts, values, and temptations. Therefore, we need to ask ourselves: Are my thoughts becoming more and more like Christ? Are my words able to glorify God? Are my life choices aligned with God's will?

Deuteronomy chapter 14 then talks about tithing. The people were to set aside a tithe of their produce, eat and drink before God, rejoice, and learn to fear the Lord.

Here, we see that giving is not just about "giving money," but an attitude of acknowledging that everything comes from God.

When we give, we are actually saying to God: "Lord, what I have is not entirely mine, but what You have given me. I am willing to set aside a part and acknowledge You as the provider of my life."

This also helps us resist a tendency to think our lives depend entirely on our own abilities.

While hard work is important, we must still remember that life, health, opportunity, wisdom, and daily provision are all in God's hands.

The chapter ends with the mention that in the third year, a tithe should be stored up in the city so that Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows may have provision.

This shows us that true worship cannot remain only between us and God, but should also flow to those around us in need.

A person who truly loves God should also learn to love others.

We can worship God in church, but if we see those in need showing no mercy, we need to reconsider our faith.

Deuteronomy chapter 14 thus reveals three important messages:

First, we are children of God, so we must live a life set apart as holy.

Second, everything we have comes from God, so we should offer with a grateful heart.

Third, since we are blessed by God, we should also be a blessing to others.

Today, when we feel restless, confused, or suffocated by the events of life, we can remind ourselves: 'I am a person of God.'

My value is not determined by money, nor by others' praise, and certainly not by today's environment.

We are children loved by the Heavenly Father.

So, let us quiet our hearts, return to God, and entrust our daily lives to Him. May we be faithful in small things, honest in money, loving in dealing with others, and sanctified in our lives.

Let others see through our lives: we are not of this world; we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 14 that we are Your beloved children. Thank You for not loving us because we are perfect, but because of Your grace and love, allowing us to become Your people.

Lord, please help us understand our own identity. When we are influenced by the voice of the world, when we feel lost because of human judgment, please remind us that our true value lies in You.

Please help us to live a life set apart as holy. Guard our thoughts, words, and actions, so that we may seek Your will in our daily lives.

Lord, we also thank You for Your daily provision. No matter how much we have, please help us learn to be thankful and not see everything as our own achievement. Teach us to faithfully manage the money, time, ability, and all resources You have entrusted to us.

Please grant us a generous heart, so that we may not only care for our own needs but also be willing to help those in need. Let the blessings we receive become blessings for others.

Lord, when we feel restless, confused, and uneasy in our hearts, please comfort us personally. Let us lay down the burdens in our hearts, be quiet before You, and trust that You know our needs and will guide us according to Your will.

Please protect our families, so that each of us may know You, love You, and fear You even more. Let us not worship You only on Sundays, but live out the image of Christ in our daily lives.

Lord, please make us a group of people who are grateful, holy, generous, and merciful.

Let us remember: we are Your children, everything we have comes from You, and You call us to be blessings to others.

May we become more like the Lord Jesus every day, holding fast to our faith in this chaotic world, quietly leaning on You, and faithfully following You.

We pray this way in the precious holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 15: Open your hands and become a blessing

Deuteronomy chapter 15 is a message full of mercy and grace. Through Moses, God taught the Israelites how to treat the poor, those in debt, and His servants. This chapter shows us that God cares not only about human worship but also places great importance on how we treat those around us in need.

One important system is the "Year of Forgiveness." Every seven years, debtors can be forgiven. This is not just an economic system, but a teaching from God to His people: do not let money be our master, and do not lose mercy because of others' difficulties.

God even reminded the people, "Be careful not to harbor evil thoughts in your heart." Because as the seventh year approaches, creditors may think, "If I lend him money now, he won't have to repay soon, wouldn't I be at a loss?"

This is precisely the struggle of human nature.

Sometimes we're willing to help others, but when we think, "Will I suffer a loss?" "Will he use me?" "Will my efforts go unrewarded?" Our hearts start to close off.

But God says, "Let go of Him."

This statement is very worth pondering.

God wants His people to be a group willing to open their hands.

Of course, opening our hands does not mean we do not need wisdom, nor does it mean we must agree without discernment to anyone's request. But it reminds us not to let selfishness, greed, and fear of loss cause us to lose our compassionate hearts.

God also said, "For the poor on the earth will never cease to exist." Therefore, He commanded the people to let go of their hands to their brothers and generously help those in need.

Today, we can still practice this principle in our lives.

We can help brothers and sisters in need, care for those who are lonely, pray for those in need, and use our time, ability, and resources to be a blessing to others.

Another important message in Deuteronomy 15 concerns the release of Hebrew servants.

A servant serves for six years, and in the seventh year he can leave freely. And when the master leaves the servant, he must not leave empty-handed, but give him plenty from the flock, threshing floor, and wine.

Here we again see God's heart: God does not want His people to take advantage of others' difficulties, but rather to treat people with dignity and kindness

Why?

Because the Israelites themselves had once been slaves in Egypt. They had experienced oppression and a life without freedom. God redeemed them, so they should also remember their past and treat others with compassion.

This serves as an important reminder for Christians.

We are able to stand today not because we are better than others, but because we too were once people who needed God's mercy.

Since we have received the Lord Jesus' forgiveness, we should learn to forgive others; We have received God's grace, so we should share that grace with others.

Deuteronomy chapter 15 also reminds the Israelites to offer their firstborn livestock to God. This reminds us once again: all the best should be given first to God

Therefore, this chapter can be summarized into three messages:

First, God wants us to have a merciful heart.

Don't just focus on your own needs; also recognize the needs of others.

Second, God wants us to be generous people.

Don't let money and fear of loss control us; believe that God is our true provider.

Third, God wants us to remember that we are also people who have received grace.

What we have today is not entirely by our own ability, but by God's grace.

So, when our hearts are restless, confused, or even feel lacking due to life's pressures, we shouldn't just focus on 'What am I still lacking?' Instead, we can reflect: 'What has God already given me?'

As we count God's grace, our hearts gradually shift from worry to gratitude.

May we not only receive God's blessings, but also become channels for God to bless others.

May the Lord keep our hands tightly shut, our hearts not cold, and our eyes see those in need; And let us believe that when we faithfully follow God, our true providers are always God.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for teaching us through Deuteronomy chapter 15 to have a merciful heart, to give generously, and to remember that You are the true provider of our lives.

Lord, we admit that sometimes our hearts can easily become selfish. We see others' needs, but first think of our own losses; We fear we are not enough, so we dare not open our hands.

Please forgive us.

Ask the Holy Spirit to change us so that we are no longer bound by greed, fear, and selfishness. Grant us a generous heart so that we know how to share with others and are willing to help those in need.

Lord, please grant us wisdom so that we may be loving and discerning in helping others. Let us not give for others' praise, but to give sincerely out of love for You and for others.

Lord, remind us that everything we have today comes from You. Money, time, health, work, family, ability, and opportunity are not taken for granted.

Teach us to be faithful stewards, offering the best to You and willing to use the resources You give to be a blessing to others.

When we ourselves have needs, please comfort us as well. When we worry about tomorrow, life, money, or even our hearts are restless and confused, please calm us down and trust that You know our needs.

Let us not only focus on our own shortcomings, but learn to count Your past graces.

Lord, we also pray for those around us who are in need. Please remember the poor, the lonely, the unemployed, those who have lost hope, and those who are going through hardship. Please personally provide for them, and use us to be Your hands and feet, bringing love and help to them.

Thank You, for we too were unworthy people, yet through the Lord Jesus Christ we have received forgiveness and salvation.

Since we have already received Your abundant grace, please help us to share grace with others as well.

Lord, please soften our hearts, open our hands, and let our eyes see the needs of people.

When the world is filled with indifference and selfishness, may our lives be a warm testimony; Let people see in us Christ's love, mercy, and grace.

Please keep us to quietly rely on You every day, to trust You in lack, to thank You in abundance, and to help others in surplus.

We pray this way in the precious holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 16 — Living a Life of Worship, Justice, and Joy

Deuteronomy chapter 16 is a passage filled with messages of festivals, worship, and social justice. Before his death, Moses once again instructed the Israelites on how to keep their festivals, worship, and practice righteousness within the community. This chapter still offers profound inspiration to believers today.

The three major festivals — commemorating God's salvation

The beginning of this chapter records three important festivals that the Israelites observe each year:

1. Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (verses 1-8) — The people observe the Passover in the month of Abi, remembering that God brought them out of slavery in Egypt. During the seven days of Unleavened Bread, unleavened bread is eaten, symbolizing the removal of sin and old leaven from life. This reminds us that after receiving grace and salvation, we should live a holy and sanctified life
2. Festival of Weeks (Pentecost) (verses 9-12) — Starting from the Sabbath when the firstfruits are offered, the festival is observed after seven Sabbaths. The people are to bring a willing offering before God and rejoice with servants, maidservants, Levites, foreigners, orphans and widows. This shows that worship is not an individual affair, but a celebration of the community; God's grace is to be shared with those in need
3. Feast of Tabernacles (verses 13-17) — After gathering local produce in autumn, the festival is observed for seven days, living in tents to remember God's provision for the Israelites while they were drifting in the wilderness. Each person should offer gifts according to the

blessings they received, "Do not go to the Lord empty-handed" (verse 16b). This teaches us that gratitude is not a formal offering, but a joyful response according to the grace God has given

Fair judgment — the living testimony that God values

Chapter 18 (actually chapter 16:18-20) turns to a different topic: the appointment of judges. Moses commanded the people to appoint judges and officials in every city, so that they "shall not pervert the upright, shall not judge by appearance, nor accept bribes" (verse 19). This passage tells us that worship and righteousness are inseparable. A true worshiper of God must also be someone who acts justly and loves mercy in daily life. If we praise God in worship but oppress others in business or act unfairly in relationships, then our worship loses its meaning

The principle of pilgrimage — three times a year

Verse 16 summarizes the core principle of the festival: "All your male sons shall appear before the Lord your God at the place he has chosen three times a year, on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles, but not empty-handed." This command teaches the Israelites that worship requires a price, requires distinguishing time, and requires focusing on coming before God. Although believers today no longer go to Jerusalem to observe the festival, they still need to deliberately schedule time to come before God, not empty-handed, but with a heart of gratitude and offering.

Summary

Deuteronomy chapter 16 tells us a comprehensive picture of faith life: remember God's salvation, worship Him with joy, treat others with righteousness, and repay His grace with gratitude. May our faith today be not just Sunday activities, but also true worship and testimony in our daily lives

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we are filled with gratitude and praise to You.

You are our God who saves us, just as You once led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, and through the cross of Jesus Christ, You redeemed us from sin and death. Lord, please help us remember Your grace and not forget all Your deeds in our lives.

Teach us to live holy lives, removing every leaven from our hearts—pride, greed, jealousy, and everything that does not please you. Let our lives be as pure as unleavened bread, acceptable before you.

Lord, you command the Israelites to celebrate with servants, maids, Levites, foreigners, orphans, widows, and widows during their festivals. Open our eyes so that we may see those in

need around us and share Your grace and love with them. Do not let our worship remain only for personal enjoyment, but rather flow out and become blessings for others.

Heavenly Father, you also command the people to appoint judges who must not be upright or accept bribes. Grant us a righteous heart in our lives, so that we may be honest and upright in our words, actions, business, and relationships, becoming witnesses of your righteousness.

Help us not to come before You empty-handed. Let us come before You every time we come with a sacrifice of thanksgiving, a sacrifice of praise, and a heart of complete dedication. May our lives be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You.

We pray thus, in the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Fear God and act according to His word

Deuteronomy chapter 17 mainly discusses worship, judgment, and the principles that Israel should follow when establishing a king in the future. This chapter shows us that God not only cares about whether we "believe in Him" but also about how we live, how we decide, and how we exercise authority.

1. Worshiping God must be single-minded

Verse 3 reminds the Israelites not to serve other gods or worship the sun, moon, and stars. People at that time were easily influenced by the idol worship of neighboring peoples.

Today, we may not be bowing to idols, but we can still let other things replace God's place, such as money, success, status, our own abilities, or even our own will.

So we need to ask ourselves: What in my life is truly the most trustworthy for me?

True worship is acknowledging that God is the Lord of our lives.

2. When facing difficult matters, seek wisdom rather than relying solely on your own judgment

Verses 8 to 13 mention that if there is a difficult case, one must seek judgment before the priest and the person in charge of judgment.

Here's an important principle: when facing complicated situations, don't arrogantly think you know everything

Today, we also face challenges in family, relationships, work, and faith. Some things are not simply black-and-white questions, so we need to pray, study the Bible, and also listen to mature Christians.

Seeking help is not about weakness, but humility.

3. The more power a leader has, the more they need to be bound by God's word

Verses 14 to 20 speak of Israel establishing a king in the future. God does not forbid kings from holding authority, but He specifically reminds them not to rely on their own strength, nor to let wealth, military power, and power become the center of their lives.

Most notably, the king had to copy the Book of the Law for himself and "recite it throughout his life," so that he would learn to fear God and not be arrogant toward his brothers.

This is a very important spiritual principle:

The greater the power, the more humility is needed; The greater the responsibility, the more one needs God's word.

Whether it is a national leader, a church leader, or a parent in a family, everyone needs to understand: authority does not make us look down but makes us more responsible to serve others

4. God's word should become the guide for our lives

The king reads God's law daily not just to increase his biblical knowledge, but to "learn to fear the Lord his God and to carefully observe all the words and statutes in this book of the law."

This reminds us that the purpose of reading the Bible is not just to know more, but to let God's Word change us.

The Bible is not just for us to study, but also for us to follow.

When we draw near to God daily and reflect on His word, we are less likely to be led by pride, temptation, and our own selfish desires.

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 17 gives us three important reminders:

Worship must be single, judgment must be humble, and authority must be bound by God's word.

May God sit on the throne of life, no matter where we stand.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 17 that You are the only God we should worship and trust.

Lord, please guard our hearts and not let anyone or anything replace Your place in our lives. When we pursue money, success, status, or our own plans, please remind us that true security and hope are in You.

When we face complex and difficult situations, please grant us wisdom and humility. Do not let us judge only by our own ideas, nor reject others' advice out of pride. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead us so that we may learn to seek Your heart.

Lord, especially pray for all those in authority. Whether leaders of nations, churches, or families, please make them fear You, serve with righteousness and integrity, humility, and not abuse their authority.

Please also help us to read Your word every day, reflect on Your word, and follow Your word. Let the Bible be not just a book in our hands, but a guide for our lives.

When we succeed, keep us from pride; When we have authority, keep us from being arrogant; When we face choices, let us seek You first.

May we fear You throughout our lives, follow You faithfully, and use the power You have given us to serve and bless others.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen

Key points of Deuteronomy chapter 18

1. The Supply of the Levi Tribe (18:1–8)

1. Priests and Levites "shall not have an inheritance in Israel"; their inheritance is Jehovah Himself (18:1–2).
2. When the people offered sacrifices, they were to share the offerings—shoulders, cheeks, stomachs, grain, new wine, new oil, and the first shears of wool—to the priests (18:3–5).
3. If Levites moved from their cities to the residences chosen by God to serve, they could share offerings with other Levites (18:6–8).

Key point: Those who serve God live by Him, and the people have the responsibility to meet their needs

2. Strict Prohibition of Pagan Superstitious Practices (18:9–14)

After entering Canaan, do not imitate the bad customs of the local peoples, including:

1. Make children go through fire (human sacrifice)
2. Divination, observing omens, practicing sorcery, and performing witchcraft.
3. Confusion, communicating with spirits, practicing witchcraft, and transgressions into the afterlife

"Everyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord" (18:12). God requires His people to "be complete (pure) to the Lord your God" (18:13).

Key point: The way God's people seek guidance must be completely different from that of Gentiles—relying solely on God

3. The Promise of Raising Up Prophets Like Moses (18:15–19)

1. God will raise up a prophet like Moses from among the brothers of Israel, and the people "must listen to him" (18:15).
2. This was the response of the people at Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai) to God not speaking directly to them (18:16–17).
3. God will deliver what is meant to be spoken to him; Those who do not obey will be judged (18:18–19).

Key point: This passage is an important Messianic prophecy, which the New Testament points out as fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Acts 3:22–23).

4. Criteria for Distinguishing True and False Prophets (18:20–22)

1. Prophets who speak in the name of other gods or speak without God's command will be put to death (18:20).
2. Method of Examination: If what the prophet says in the name of the Lord is not fulfilled or fulfilled, then it is not what God has spoken (18:21–22).

Key point: God's word is true and verifiable, and believers should have a discerning heart

Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father:

Thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy chapter 18 that You are our only support and inheritance. Teach us to be like the Levites, to be content with Yourself, and to remember those who serve You wholeheartedly, willingly providing for their needs.

Lord, please guard our hearts from all divination, signs, witchcraft, and spiritualism. In times of confusion and unease, help us not to seek answers from dark powers, but to rely completely and purely on You, guiding our path with Your word.

Thank You for raising up a prophet like Moses—our Lord Jesus Christ, who spoke to us personally. Please grant us a soft heart to listen to His voice every day and obey His teachings.

Father, in this age full of chaotic voices, grant us the ability to discern what God's good, pure, and pleasing will is, and not be deceived by false teachers or false words.

May we honor You as holy all our lives, serving You alone. Pray in the victorious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Summary of Deuteronomy chapter 19

Deuteronomy chapter 19 mainly discusses the law concerning justice and protection of the innocent after the Israelites entered Canaan, divided into three main points:

1. The Establishment of the City of Refuge (verses 1–13)

Jehovah commanded the establishment of three cities of refuge in the promised land (and more could be added later), so that those who kill "unintentionally" can flee to seek refuge and avoid being hunted by those who avenge their blood enemies.

If someone kills intentionally out of hatred or premeditation, they must not be allowed to hide in the city of refuge; they must be handed over to the avenger to be executed to remove sin from Israel.

The key point is: distinguish between "accidental killing" and "murder," protect the innocent, and not tolerate the wicked

2. Immovable boundaries (verse 14) The

boundaries of the unmovable neighbor's territory (the marks set by ancestors). This is the fundamental law for maintaining industrial fairness and social order

3. Handling Witnesses and False Witnesses (Verses 15–21)

1. A matter cannot be convicted by just one witness; there must be two or three witnesses.

2. If someone gives false testimony to frame a brother, it must be investigated carefully; If it is proven to be false, then the evil done to others according to their intentions should be applied to themselves (the principle of 'life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth' applies here to false testimony).

The purpose is to remove evil, inspire awe, and prevent further wrongdoing

The core message of the entire chapter is:

God values justice, protects the innocent, and severely punishes malice and lies, while also providing mercy and a way out for those who make mistakes

Deuteronomy Chapter 20 — When facing battle, remember that God is with us

1. Description of the Scripture Content

Deuteronomy 20 mainly speaks of the Israelites entering the Promised Land, where God instructed His people to respond when facing enemies and war.

First, God especially reminded the Israelites: when they see the enemy being strong, their chariots numerous, or their army larger than themselves, do not be afraid. Because what the Israelites relied on was not their own military strength, but the Lord God. God had once brought them out of Egypt, and He is still with them today

Second, the priest must declare to the people not to be timid or fearful, because God will fight alongside them. This message is very important: fighting does not necessarily mean God has left us; sometimes, in the midst of battle, we experience God's presence even more

This chapter also mentions that some people, having just built houses, planted vineyards, got engaged, or felt nervous, could temporarily leave the battlefield. This shows us that God understands people's real needs and weaknesses; He does not ignore their feelings.

Finally, God commanded the Israelites to act according to His commands even in war. Even when facing the enemy, one must not act recklessly. This reminds us that even in the midst of difficulties, conflicts, and pressures, we must still hold fast to God's truth

2. Important verses in Deuteronomy chapter 20

Deuteronomy 20:1

"Go out and fight against your enemies. If you see horses, chariots, and people larger than you, do not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt is with you."

This verse is a very important core of this chapter.

When we see that our environment is stronger than ourselves, we might wonder, "How can I face it?"

God is not telling us to pretend the problem doesn't exist, but rather to stop us from forgetting how great God is just because the problem is too big.

Deuteronomy 20:3-4

"Do not be afraid, nor be afraid or tremble, for the Lord your God is with you to fight against your enemies and save you."

The most precious thing here is not just "Do not be afraid," but **"The Lord your God goes with you".**.

God does not tell us to face the battle ourselves and then watch from afar; He promises to move forward with His people.

So today, when we face battles involving family, work, life, future, and even spiritual existence, we can remember:

I am not alone. God is with me.

Deuteronomy 20:4—the core message of this chapter

This verse can be condensed into one sentence:

"Don't just look at the enemy in front of you, remember that you have God by your side. 』

The environment may frighten us, but God's presence can give us strength; The road may be full of unknowns, but God still holds the road ahead.

3. Reminders for Christians Today

Today, we are not conducting worldly wars in the way of the Old Testament Israelites, but the spiritual principles in Deuteronomy 20 remain very important.

First, when facing difficulties, don't let fear become your master.

Fear magnifies problems and makes us forget God; Faith makes us look to God again

Second, don't rely on yourself alone.

Our abilities are limited, but God is infinite. True strength does not come from how skilled we are, but from God's presence

Third, still obey God's word even in battle. Do not handle things in

the wrong way because of injury, anger, or stress. Even when circumstances are difficult, hold fast to the truth

Fourth, surrender your fear to God.

Sometimes our greatest enemy may not be the external environment, but our inner fear, anxiety, and confusion. God is willing to be our refuge

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You, through Deuteronomy 20, for reminding us that although life will have many battles, we do not need to face them alone, because You promise to be with us.

Lord, we admit that many times, when we encounter difficulties, we just focus on the problem in front of us. When the problem is too big and the environment too complicated, our hearts begin to feel fear, irritation, and confusion.

Please forgive our lack of faith.

Please help us shift our focus from problems to You, from fear to trust, from worry to prayer.

Lord, when we see ourselves seemingly unable to face the things before us, please remind us:

"Do not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you."

Calm our restless and chaotic hearts, and place the peace that comes from You within us. When we do not know which path lies ahead, please lead us step by step; When we are weak, be our strength; When we are afraid, be our protection.

Lord, please keep us from losing faith because of difficulties, nor from turning away from Your path because of pressure. No matter what battle we face, remind us that true victory is not by ourselves, but by You

Please lead our families, churches, and every brother and sister so that we may still trust You in hardship, look to You in the storms, and believe in Your faithfulness in the unknown tomorrow.

May we all experience Your presence throughout our lives, knowing that wherever we go, You have never left us.

I pray in the victorious and precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 21 — Life, Justice, Family, and Discipline

1. Description of the Scripture Content

Deuteronomy chapter 21 touches on several different aspects of life, including unidentified murder, captives in war, firstbornship, rebellious sons, and those who were hung on the wood. On the surface, each passage seems independent, but behind it lies a shared message: God values life, justice, family order, and respect for God's law

First, if someone is killed but the culprit cannot be found, God still requires the people to handle the matter and not treat it as if nothing happened. Elders must cleanse the land according to God's method, showing that innocent blood must not be ignored. This reminds us that God cares about every life; even if people do not know the truth, God still knows.

Next, this chapter discusses women captured during the war and the inheritance that the firstborn deserves in the family. God requires that people not arbitrarily change the rights the firstborn should have because of favoritism. This reminds us: people are easily influenced by emotions, but God requires us to act justly and justly

Next, the passage speaks of a son who rebels against his parents and refuses to change despite repeated advice. This passage is the law of Old Testament Israelite society and should not be directly applied today in connection with the covenant social context of that time. Its core message is: both family and society need to fear God, respect authority, and take sin seriously

Finally, Deuteronomy 21 mentions the person who was hung on the tree. Paul later quoted this passage in Galatians 3:13, pointing out that Christ became a curse for us, personally bearing the punishment for sin.

Therefore, for Christians, Deuteronomy 21 ultimately helps us see Christ's redemption even more: when people sin, they should bear the punishment, but Jesus Christ takes our place in bearing the curse, so that those who believe in Him can receive forgiveness and life.

2. Important scriptures

Deuteronomy 21:8

"Forgive the Israelites whom you have redeemed, and do not let the sin of innocent blood be credited to your people Israel."

This section shows us that God does not want sin to be hidden or looked down upon.

Sin needs to be confronted, and it also needs God's forgiveness.

Today, we must also learn not to make excuses for our sins, but to come before God with confidence, confess, and repent.

Deuteronomy 21:17

"The son born to his beloved wife..... He will be recognized as the firstborn."

God requires that even if a father favors a particular wife, he must not deprive the firstborn of the rights that should be due to personal feelings.

This reminds us:

God delights in fairness, not favoritism.

Whether it's family, church, or relationships, we all need to ask God to help us not judge people based on personal preferences.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

"If those who are put to death are hung on a tree..... For those who are hung are cursed before God."

This passage is very important for Christians.

Paul explains in Galatians 3:13 that Christ has become a curse for us, because it is written: "Cursed is every piece hung on a tree."

Jesus was originally without sin, yet He bore the penalty for our sins.

Therefore, the cross is not just a sign of suffering, but also a sign of God's love for us, Christ's replacement for us, and the fulfillment of salvation.

3. Today's reminder to us

First, God values life.

People may not see everything, but God knows the harm every life endures

Second, God requires us to be fair.

Don't be biased because you like someone, nor be treated unfairly just because you don't like someone

Third, sin must not be taken lightly.

True peace is not pretending the problem does not exist, but bringing sin before God to receive His forgiveness and renewal

Fourth, the cross reveals God's grace.

Deuteronomy 21 concludes with our gaze to Christ. He personally bears the curse we were meant to bear, enabling us to be justified by faith and reconciled with God

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for teaching us through Deuteronomy 21 that You are a righteous, holy, and merciful God. You value life, but also truth, fairness, and family order.

Lord, please shine Your light upon our hearts, so that we do not take sin lightly or make excuses for our own transgressions. When we have mistakes, weaknesses, or offenses, please grant us humble hearts willing to confess, repent, and return to You again.

Please help us learn fairness in family and relationships, without bias, and not to hurt others based on personal preferences. Grant us wisdom to know how to treat those around us with love, truth, and gentleness.

Please calm our restless and chaotic hearts, removing fear, bitterness, and burdens from within. Let us look to Christ every day and stand again by His grace.

Please keep our families, churches, and brothers and sisters safe, so that we may walk in righteousness, mercy, truth, and love.

May the grace of the cross remind us every day: we do not come before God by our own righteousness, but are forgiven by the precious blood of Jesus Christ

I pray in the victorious and precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 22 — Living with love, responsibility, and holiness in life

1. Description of the Scripture Content

Although Deuteronomy 22 contains many different laws, its core teaches God's people: fearing God is not just about worship, but about living out God's will in daily life, relationships, family and marriage, and morality

First, God commands that when people see a brother's cattle, sheep, or other livestock that have gone astray, they must not ignore it but do their best to help bring it back. Even if they see someone else's livestock fall, help lift it up. These seemingly small things remind us: loving others is not just talking, but being willing to take responsibility and actively help others

Second, the chapter's laws concerning clothing, house safety, marriage, and sexuality reflect God's requirement for the Israelites to be distinguished from neighboring nations. God values the human body, marriage, and family, and also requires His people to stay away from immorality, deception, and impurity.

Some of these laws are part of the civil and religious systems of ancient Israel, and today Christians cannot simply copy and enforce them all; But the underlying spiritual principles remain important—God wants us to respect life, be faithful to marriage, keep holiness, and treat others honestly

This chapter also reminds us that God cares not only about 'big things' but also values the small details of daily life. The attitude toward a lost livestock can reflect whether a person has compassion and responsibility.

2. Important scriptures

Deuteronomy 22:1

"If you see your brother's ox or sheep lost on their way, do not pretend not to see it; you must bring it back to your brother."

This verse is very practical.

Sometimes when we see others in need, we might think, "This has nothing to do with me." But God reminds us not to be indifferent to the needs of brothers and sisters.

To love someone is to be willing to reach out a hand.

Sometimes, a simple help, a comforting word, or a caring phone call can become God's way of using us to bless others.

Deuteronomy 22:4

"If you see your brother's ox or donkey stumble on the road, do not pretend not to see it; you must help him up with him."

"Helping him up together" is very interesting

Faith does not mean we should only care about walking well ourselves, but rather be willing to walk with brothers and sisters when they fall, grow tired, or weak.

Today, the church needs this kind of mutually supportive life even more.

Deuteronomy 22:8

"If you build a house, put railings around it..... so that no one may fall from the roof."

This law reminds us: loving others also includes preventing others from being hurt

God not only cares about what we do, but also whether our negligence hurts others.

So whether it's family, church, or work, we should all have a sense of responsibility and do our best to avoid our actions becoming obstacles for others.

3. Reminders for Christians Today

Deuteronomy chapter 22 can offer us several important reminders:

First, do not turn a blind eye to the needs of others.

God calls us to be compassionate and loving people

Second, we must learn to support one another.

When brothers and sisters fall, we do not condemn them immediately, but use love to help them get back up

Third, we must keep ourselves holy.

God values marriage, the body, and moral life. Today, we should also rely on the Holy Spirit, avoid temptation, and respect the body and marriage God has given

Fourth, faith must be put into practice in daily life.

Piety is not just about going to church, reading the Bible, or praying; it is reflected in how we treat our family, brothers and sisters, and those in need around us

Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Father,

Thank You, through Deuteronomy 22, for reminding us that true faith is not just about saying we love You with our mouths, but also about living love, responsibility, justice, and holiness in our daily lives.

Lord, please forgive us that sometimes when we see others in need, we choose to turn a blind eye; when we see brothers and sisters weak, we only criticize them and are unwilling to reach out to help.

Grant us a heart of mercy, so that we can pay attention to those around us. When someone is lost, use us to bring them back on the right path; When someone falls, let us be willing to stand up with them; When someone is sad, let us be the ones who comfort them.

Lord, please guard our minds, eyes, words, and bodies, so that we may stay away from sin and temptation, and respect the marriage and family You have established. May the Holy Spirit remind us daily so that we may remain holy even in secret and out of sight.

Please also grant us wisdom, so that we act responsibly and lovingly, and not harm others because of our own negligence.

Lord, please especially calm our restless and chaotic hearts. When we ourselves are tired, weak, or feel lonely, please let us know that You are still with us. Please also prepare for brothers and sisters to support us at the right time, so that we may love and take responsibility for one another.

May we not only understand Your Word, but also live it out, becoming a blessing to others in our families, churches, and daily lives.

I pray in the lovely, holy, and victorious name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 24—Showing Compassion to the Vulnerable and Living Out Justice and Kindness

1. Description of the Scripture Content

Deuteronomy chapter 24 speaks of divorce, marriage, borrowing, debts, workers' wages, and care for the poor, strangers, orphans, and widows. On the surface, there are many laws for life, but there is a very important core: God's people must not only keep the rules, but also possess compassion, righteousness, and love for others

This chapter first discusses marriage and divorce. The social system of that time was very different from today, so we should not directly apply ancient civil laws to today. However, the scripture shows us that God values marital relationships and also cares about the harm people suffer when marriages break down.

Then God commanded that people must not take items used by the poor as collateral for their daily necessities, nor withhold workers' wages. Because the poor may live on their daily wages. God reminds His people: do not exploit others' difficulties

The most moving part of this chapter is that God commanded that when harvesting the crops, not all the edges of the field should be cut down; Leftover ears, leftover fruit from the olive tree, and grapes left over from the vineyard must all be left for the sojourners, orphans, and widows.

This arrangement shows that God does not want His people to focus only on their own abundance, but deliberately leaves space for those in need when they have surplus

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 24 reminds us:

Being blessed by God doesn't mean we only enjoy everything we have, but rather that we become a blessing to others.

2. Important scriptures

Deuteronomy 24:14-15

"A wage of a needy and needy hired laborer..... You must pay him wages..... Otherwise, he will be guilty of calling on the Lord because of you."

This passage reminds us that God places great importance on the rights of the vulnerable.

Today, whether at work, at home, or in church, we should not use our abilities, status, or advantages to bully others.

God hears the cries of the oppressed.

Deuteronomy 24:19

"You are harvesting crops in the field; if you forget the next sheaf, do not go back to collect it..... You must leave it to the foreigners and to orphans and widows."

This section is very interesting.

God even commanded His people to deliberately leave a portion for those in need

This is not just about 'charity,' but about God incorporating mercy into the way of life.

Today, we can also reflect:

Is there any of our time, money, ability, food, or resources we can set aside to bless others?

Deuteronomy 24:22

"Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, so I commanded you to do so."

This sentence is a very important spiritual principle in this chapter:

Remembering where you come from will help you better understand compassion for others.

The Israelites suffered in Egypt, so God told them not to forget that they were once sufferers.

For Christians, we should also remember that we were sinners and were saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus.

When we remember how much grace we have received, it becomes easier to treat others with grace.

3. Today's reminder for Christians

First, don't just focus on yourself.

God blesses us not by becoming people who only know how to enjoy, but by becoming blessings to others

Second, special attention should be paid to the vulnerable.

Orphans, widows, and sojourners represented those in society at the time who lacked security. Today, we should also pay attention to those around us who are lonely, poor, injured, or in need

Third, treat others fairly.

Don't take advantage of others' weaknesses just because you have the ability

Fourth, remember God's grace.

When we remember that we are also sinners who have received grace, we become more willing to forgive, show compassion, and help others

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for teaching us through Deuteronomy 24 that You are a God of justice, mercy, and love. You care not only about our own needs, but also about those around us who are weak, needy, and hurt.

Lord, forgive us for sometimes focusing only on ourselves and easily forgetting others' needs when we receive blessings. Please place mercy in our hearts, so that we may be willing to share all we have and become a blessing to others.

Help us remember that we were once weak, lost, and in need of Your mercy. Thank You, through the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ, for forgiving us and giving us new life.

Therefore, please tell us not to be arrogant or look down on others; When we see someone in distress, please ask us not to turn a blind eye, but to be willing to reach out and help.

Lord, please help us to be fair, honest, and merciful in our work, family, church, and relationships. Don't let us take advantage of others' weaknesses, nor let us ignore their needs for personal gain.

Please especially have special care on all those who are lonely, poor, wounded, and disappointed. Be their support and use us to be Your source of comfort and provision.

Lord, please also calm our restless and chaotic hearts. When we worry about life, money, family, or the future, please remind us: You are still in control, and Your grace is enough for us every day.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in love, mercy, and faithfulness,

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 25 — Justice, Righteousness, and Remembrance of God's Redemption

1. Description of the Scripture Content

Deuteronomy chapter 25 continues to speak of the laws God gave the Israelites for their lives, including judgment, fairness, marriage and family, business honesty, and judgment on the Amalekites.

First, the scripture speaks about the principle of judgment. The sinner must be punished according to the crime, but the punishment must not be excessive and cause shame. Here we see that God is just, but His justice is not cruel or arbitrary; rather, it is measured and proportionate.

Then the scripture mentions the system of "brothers establishing heirs for their elder brothers." This was the ancient family system of Israel, aimed at preserving the family status of deceased brothers. Although we no longer live according to this system today, it reflects an important principle: God values family responsibilities and also values people's faithfulness to promises and duties

This chapter also specifically mentions the use of different laws and scales in business. God abhors deception and requires His people to use fair measures. In other words, faith is not only about worshiping God in church, but also about whether we are honest when doing business, trading, working, and handling money

Finally, God commanded the Israelites to remember that the Amalekites had attacked the weak in their rear when the Israelites were weary. This shows that God remembers the oppressed and will judge sin with righteousness.

Therefore, Deuteronomy chapter 25 reminds us:

God wants us to be fair, honest, and responsible people; Do not deceive others, and do not take advantage of others' weaknesses.

2. Important scriptures

Deuteronomy 25:13-15

"You must not have one large and one small dharma code in your purse. You must not have one large and one small measure of dice in your household. Use a fair dharma code and a fair dup of a dung of dang."

This passage is a very important lesson for this chapter.

God does not want people to be 'godly on the surface but deceive in reality.' If someone goes to church to worship God but deceives others in business, their life is disproportionate to their faith.

The honesty God requires includes every aspect of our lives.

Deuteronomy 25:16

"For those who do evil deeds are abhorrent to the LORD your God."

This verse reminds us that God values justice very highly.

People may deceive others, and sometimes no one knows for a while, but God knows the human heart and knows everything.

So as a person, we shouldn't just ask, 'Did anyone see this?'

Instead, we should ask:

"Does God please me doing this?"

Deuteronomy 25:17

"Remember how the Amalekites treated you on the road when you left Egypt."

"Remember" is an important spiritual principle in the Bible

God wants the Israelites not to forget what happened in the past, because remembrance helps people understand God's justice and reminds them not to repeat the same sins.

For Christians today, we should remember even more:

How God saves us, forgives us, and leads us along the path of life.

When we remember God's grace, it becomes harder to forget Him.

3. Reminders for Christians Today

First, be an honest person.

Whether people see or not, you must remain upright before God

Second, treat others fairly.

Don't change your standards because of interests, relationships, or personal preferences

Third, we must take on our due responsibilities.

God does not like people to avoid their responsibilities; He wants us to be reliable and faithful people

Fourth, remember God's grace.

When we remember how God led us in the past, we can face today and tomorrow with greater confidence

Fifth, entrust judgment to God.

When facing injustice or harm, we can seek justice, but we do not need to let hatred and revenge control us. God is the judge of justice

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for teaching us through Deuteronomy 25 that You are a righteous, just, holy, and faithful God.

Lord, please shine light on our hearts and help us learn honesty in everything. Whether people see it or not, please help us choose the path of integrity.

Please keep us from deceiving others in work, business, money, and relationships, not using others, and not sacrificing others for our own benefit. Grant us a heart that fears You, so that we may think of Your heart before everything we do.

Lord, when we encounter injustice, misunderstanding, or hurt, please help us not to be controlled by bitterness and anger. Please personally seek justice for us and teach us to face injustice in the right way.

Please help us to become reliable people, loyal to family, loving to brothers and sisters, and responsible to others. Ask us to have faith not only within the church, but also to live it out in our daily lives.

Lord, please help us always 'remember' Your grace.

Remember how You saved us;

Remember how You led us;

Remember You did not leave us in difficult times;

Remember the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for us

When our hearts are troubled, confused, and weary, please calm us down and count Your grace again. Tell us not to focus only on the difficulties before us, but to remember that You have been faithful all along.

Please keep our families, churches, and brothers and sisters, so that we may still uphold truth, justice, honesty, and love in this world full of deception and chaos.

May we all be people who please You throughout our lives.

I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in victory, love, and faithfulness,

Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 28 is a pivotal chapter in which Moses, after renewing the covenant, sets out in detail the blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience. It follows directly from the covenant ceremony in chapter 27 and makes clear that Israel's future in the Promised Land depends on whether they carefully listen to and obey the LORD's commands.

Description of the Chapter

1. Blessings for Obedience (verses 1–14)

If the people fully obey the LORD their God and carefully follow all His commands, He will set them high above all the nations on earth. The blessings will come upon them and overtake them:

Blessed in the city and in the country

Blessed fruit of the womb, crops, and livestock

Blessed basket and kneading trough

Blessed when they come in and when they go out

Enemies defeated and fleeing in seven directions

Blessing on their barns and everything they put their hand to

Established as the LORD's holy people

Abundant prosperity in the land

The heavens opened to send rain in season

They will lend to many nations but borrow from none

They will be the head and not the tail, always at the top and never at the bottom—provided they do not turn aside to the right or left to follow other gods.

2. Curses for Disobedience (verses 15–68)

If they do not obey the LORD and carefully follow His commands and decrees, all these curses will come upon them and overtake them. The curses reverse the blessings and expand into severe, progressive judgments:

Cursed in the city and country, cursed basket and kneading trough, cursed fruit of the womb, crops, and livestock

Confusion, rebuke, and frustration in everything they do until they are destroyed

Disease, fever, inflammation, drought, blight, and mildew pursuing them

Sky like bronze and ground like iron; rain turned to dust

Defeat before enemies, panic, and scattering among the nations

Economic ruin, family breakdown, and national humiliation

Siege conditions so desperate that people eat their own children

Ultimately, dispersion among all nations, where they will serve other gods of wood and stone, find no rest, live in constant fear, and even be returned to Egypt in ships to be sold as slaves—yet no one will buy them.

The chapter is deliberately unbalanced: the blessings are concise, while the curses are far longer and more detailed. This is meant to impress upon the people the seriousness of covenant unfaithfulness and to urge them to choose life and blessing.

Important Verses

28:1–2 – “If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.”

28:6 – “You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.”

28:12–13 – “The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God... you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.”

28:15 – “However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you.”

28:45 – “All these curses will come on you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the LORD your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you.”

28:58–59 – Warning that failure to revere the glorious and awesome name of the LORD and keep the words of the law will bring extraordinary and long-lasting plagues and severe illnesses.

These verses highlight the clear covenant principle: obedience brings comprehensive blessing; disobedience brings comprehensive curse. In the New Testament, Galatians 3:13 points to Christ redeeming us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the clear and solemn words of Deuteronomy 28. You desire to bless Your people abundantly and set them high above the nations when they listen carefully and obey Your commands. Help us today to fully obey You, to walk in Your ways without turning aside to the right or to the left, and to serve You alone.

Open the heavens over our lives. Send the rain of Your favor in season. Bless the work of our hands, our families, and everything we put our hand to. Make us the head and not the tail, always at the top and never at the bottom, as we walk in obedience.

Protect us from the path of disobedience that leads to confusion, frustration, and destruction. We thank You that Jesus Christ became a curse for us on the cross so that we might be freed from the curse of the law and enter into the blessing of Abraham by faith.

Fill us with holy reverence for Your glorious and awesome name. Give us hearts that delight to keep Your Word. May our lives testify to Your faithfulness and goodness.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 29 mainly records Moses renewing his covenant with the Israelites in the land of Moab, reviewing God's past deeds, calling the whole people to join the covenant, and sternly warning of the consequences of breaking the covenant, ending with "What is secret belongs to God, what is clear to us."

Chapter Description and Structure

This chapter is Moses' third sermon in the plain of Moab (continuing the previous sections on blessings and curses), which can be divided into several parts:

1. Background of the Covenant and Review of God's Deeds (Verses 1–9)

This covenant was established separately in the land of Moab, outside of the covenant at Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai). Moses gathered all the Israelites and reminded them of their own witness to God's great tests, miracles, and wonders that God performed on Pharaoh in Egypt, as well as forty years of provision in the wilderness (clothes not worn out, shoes worn out, no bread or wine), and defeating King Sihon of Heshben and Og king of Bashan, dividing the land among

some tribes. The purpose was to let them know that the Lord was their God, so they would carefully observe the covenant and prosper in all things

2. All the People Enter the Covenant (verses 10–15)

Today, all people—leaders, chieftains, elders, officials, men, wives, children, strangers, even those who chop wood and carry water—stand before the Lord to enter into the covenant and oath God has made today. God will make them His people according to the oath He swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and He will be their God. This covenant is made not only with those present at that day but also with those who are absent today (including future generations).

3. Warning of the serious consequences of breaking the covenant (verses 16–28)

Moses reminded them that they had seen detestable idols among the nations and warned not to turn away from God in their hearts and serve other gods, lest the "evil root" grow in the middle of bitter herbs and wormwood. If someone hears a curse and boasts, "Though I am stubborn, I am still peaceful," God will not forgive them; His anger will rise like smoke, and He will place all the curses written on them and erase His name from the world. If the entire people break the Covenant, future generations and distant outsiders will see the land turned into sulfur, brine, and fire, desolate like Sodom and Gomorrah, and will ask why God is so furious. The answer is: because they abandoned the covenant they made when they left Egypt to serve other gods they did not know, God, in His anger, pulled them out of their land and cast them into other lands

4. Conclusion (verse 29) "The secret

things belong to the Lord our God, but the obvious things belong forever to us and to our descendants, so that we may obey all the words of this law."

This chapter emphasizes: The covenant is universal and transgenerational; God's works have long been revealed, but people need to truly understand them in their hearts; Breaking the covenant will bring devastating consequences; And our responsibility is to obey God's revealed word

Important Scriptures (Chinese Union Version)

1. 29:4: "But the Lord has not yet made your hearts understand, your eyes can see, your ears may hear."

(A reminder: even when experiencing miracles, if God does not open them, people may still not understand.))

2. 29:9: "Therefore, be careful to keep and do the word of this covenant, so that you may prosper in all your ways."

3. 29:12–13: "So that you may obey the covenant the Lord your God made with you today, and the oath he swore to you. So he will today make you his people, and he your God, according to the promises he made to you, and the oath he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

4. 29:18–19: "But I fear that among you..... Today your hearts turn away from the Lord our God and serve the gods of those nations. And I fear that among you there will be evil roots that produce bitter herbs and wormwood, and when you hear the words of this curse, you boast in your heart: 'Though I am stubborn in my heart and have implicated many, I am still safe.']

5. 29:29: "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the obvious things belong to us and to our children forever, so that we may obey all the words of this law."

(The most famous passage in this chapter emphasizes that human responsibility lies in obeying what God has revealed)

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Almighty Jehovah God,

thank You for reminding us through Deuteronomy 29: You are the faithful covenant God, and Your deeds have long been revealed in history.

Please open our hearts so that we may truly understand, see, and hear Your works, not just outward experiences.

Today, we stand before You, willing to enter into Your covenant, to be Your people, and to be our God.

Please guard our hearts, so that no root of evil will grow among us, that we will not boast or be stubborn, but willing to faithfully obey the words You have revealed.

Please help us to pass on the obvious things to our descendants forever, so that we and future generations may follow all the words of Your law and experience Your prosperity and blessings.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen

Deuteronomy chapter 30 is Moses' exhortation to the Israelites, continuing the blessings and curses from the previous chapter. This chapter is mainly divided into two parts:

1. Promises of Revival and Blessed Blessings (verses 1–10)

Moses prophesied: Even if in the future the Israelites are scattered to all nations for rebellion and cursed, if they and their descendants "turn to the Lord with all their heart and soul" and listen to His word, God will have mercy on them, gather them back from the scattered lands (even the ends of the earth), bring them into the land of their ancestors, increase their numbers, and treat them kindly. God will "remove the impurity from your heart and from the hearts of your descendants" (circumcision of the heart), so that they may love God with all their heart and soul. The curse will be turned upon the enemy, but those who obey and turn will receive abundant blessings (their work, fertility, livestock, and land will be abundant).

2. The Word of Life and the Choice of Life and Death (verses 11–20)

God's commandments are neither difficult nor distant—not in heaven or overseas, but "very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may obey." Moses laid out "life and blessing, death and misfortune" before the people, urging them to love God, follow His way, keep the commandments, live well, and be blessed. If you do not listen or stray from worshipping other gods, you will surely perish. Finally, using heaven and earth as testimony, he solemnly appeals: "Choose life so that you and your offspring may live," love God, listen to Him, and rely solely on Him, for He is the source of life

This chapter emphasizes the restoration brought by repentance and return, the renewal of the heart, and the path of life that everyone can choose (in the New Testament, Paul quotes Romans 10:11–14, pointing to the Word of faith).

Important Scriptures (Chinese Union Version)

1. 30:6: "The Lord your God will remove the impurity from your heart and from the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, so that you may live." (Circumcision and renewal of the heart).
2. 30:11–14: "The commandments I am commanding you today are neither difficult for you nor far from you But these words are very close to you, right in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may do them."
3. 30:15: "Look, today I will lay before you life and blessing, death and misfortune."
4. 30:19–20: "Today I call upon heaven and earth to testify to you: I will set before you life and death, fortune and misfortune, so that you and your descendants may live; And love the Lord your God, listen to His words and trust in Him, for He is your life, and your days will be with Him."

These verses are often quoted to emphasize God's closeness, the grace of repentance, and the proactive call to choose life.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us Your

love and faithfulness through Moses in Deuteronomy chapter 30. Even if we stray and are scattered, as long as we turn to You with all our hearts and souls, You show mercy, gather our hearts, renew our hearts, remove impurity, and enable us to truly love You and follow Your word

Lord, Your commandments are neither difficult nor far-reaching, but are close to our mouths and hearts. Help us to choose life today, not death or curse; Let us love You, obey You, and rely on You, for You are the source of our lives and days.

Please also circumcise our hearts, so that we and future generations may wholeheartedly turn to You, receive abundant blessings, and turn the curse away from us. May we live in Your promises and bear witness for You. Pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 31 records Moses' final instructions before his death, serving as a key chapter in the transition to Joshua's leadership era. The main contents are as follows:

1. Moses Takes Over Leadership (Verses 1–8)

Moses told the Israelites that he was 120 years old and could no longer lead the Jordan River, and God had decreed that he would not cross the Jordan River. It was the Lord who truly guided them to cross, destroy their enemies, and gain the land, and Joshua would lead them according to God's word. Moses encouraged the people, "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be afraid," because God went with them and "will not leave you or forsake you." Then he called Joshua before the crowd, likewise encouraging him to be strong and courageous, leading the people into the promised land, and emphasizing that God would walk ahead and be with him

2. Preservation and Public Reading of the Law (verses 9–13)

Moses wrote down the law and gave it to the Levite priests and elders who carried the Ark of the Covenant. He commanded that every year, at the end of the seventh year (the year of exemption), the Feast of Tabernacles be publicly read to all Israelites (men, women, children, and sojourners) at God's chosen place, so that they may learn to fear God, observe and obey it, and that future generations may hear and learn from it

3. God foretold the people's rebellion and gave a song of testimony (verses 14–23)

God appeared in the cloud pillar of the tent of meeting, telling Moses that his time of death was near and summoning Joshua to come with him. God foresaw that after the people entered the land flowing with milk and honey, they would become full, obese, turn to other gods, and break their covenant, causing God to hide His face and bring disaster. Therefore, He commanded Moses to write a song to teach the Israelites as testimony to them in the future. Moses wrote this song that day and taught it to the people; God also personally instructed Joshua to be strong and courageous, because He would be with him

4. The Book of the Law as a Witness (verses 24–30)

After Moses finished writing the Law, he instructed the Levites to place the Book of the Law beside the Ark of the Covenant as a testimony to the people. He knew that the people would be rebellious and stubborn, and that after death they would become even more corrupt and strayed from the right path. Therefore, he gathered the elders and officials of the tribe, called upon heaven and earth to testify, and read the entire song aloud to the congregation

This chapter emphasizes God's faithful presence, smooth leadership transition, the transmission of the law, and God's foresight and prepared testimony for future rebellion.

Important Scriptures (Chinese Union Version)

1. 31:6: "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid, nor fear them, for the Lord your God is with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."
2. 31:8: "The Lord will go before you; He will be with you; He will neither leave nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, nor be discouraged."
3. 31:12–13: "Gather them, their sons, women, and children, and all the foreigners in the city, so that they may hear and learn, so that they may fear the Lord your God, keep and obey all the words of this law, and that the children who have not known it may hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God....."
4. 31:23 (God to Joshua): "Be strong and courageous..... For you will bring the Israelites into the land I swore to promise, and I will be with you."

These verses are often used to encourage believers to rely on God's presence in times of hardship and to emphasize that God's word must be passed down from generation to generation.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us Your

unchanging faithfulness through Moses in Deuteronomy chapter 31. Even as leaders change and eras shift, You personally guide and remain with us, promising "I will not leave you nor forsake you." Please help us to be as strong and courageous as Moses encouraged Joshua and the people, not to fear or panic, because You are ahead of us

Lord, please guard our hearts so that we do not turn to other gods because we are satisfied, nor betray Your covenant. May we cherish Your word, as we recite the law every seven years, always study, obey, and teach the next generation to fear You. Please also grant wisdom and courage to today's leaders and believers to rely on Your presence in the face of challenges.

May we live in Your promises, and let Your words be the testimony of our lives. Praying in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Deuteronomy Chapter 32: The Song of Moses

This chapter is the 'Song of Moses,' written and taught to the Israelites by God's command before his death. It is a poetic testimony, contrasting God's faithfulness, justice, and love with Israel's rebellion and forgiveness, while also prophesying future judgment and ultimate redemption. This song is meant to be passed down through generations, serving as a reminder for the people to turn back when they fail.

Outline

1. Verses 1–6: A call to heaven and earth to listen attentively. Declare the Lord as the "Rock," as complete, righteous, and upright; In contrast to Israel as a "perverse and crooked generation."
2. Verses 7–14: Recall God's grace—finding Israel in the wilderness like protecting the 'eyes of the eye,' like an eagle stirring its nest or carrying a young eagle, leading them into a land of abundance
3. Verses 15–18: But Israel, because of their abundance, abandoned God and worshiped other gods, provoking God's anger
4. Verses 19–35: God's judgment and discipline (plague, sword, famine, etc.), but God still has a plan of mercy
5. Verses 36–43: God avenges, heals, and avenges His enemies for His people; ultimately, the Gentiles will also rejoice with God's people
6. Verses 44–47: Moses and Joshua taught the people, emphasizing that these words are "life."

7. Verses 48–52: God commanded Moses to ascend Mount Nebo, see the Promised Land, and then depart

Core theme: God is the only rock and true God; Though people rebel, God remains faithful and ultimately cleanses and redeems His people

Important Scriptures (Chinese Union Version)

Verse 4

: "He is the rock, and his works are perfect; He does nothing unjust; he is a God who is honest and without falsehood, righteous and upright."

→ The central theme of the entire song emphasizes God's character

Verses 10–11

: "When the Lord found him in the wilderness, in a desolate place where beasts roared, He surrounded him, watched over him, and protected him as He guarded the eyes of the man in his eyes. Like an eagle stirring its nest, spreading its wings above the young eagle, taking the young eagle and carrying it on its wings."

→ Vividly depicts God's love and protection for the people

Verse 39

: "Now you must know: I am God alone; There is no other God besides me. I make death, I bring life; I wound, I heal, but no one can save me from my hand."

→ Proclaims God's sovereignty and oneness, with both judgment and healing

Verse 43

: "You Gentiles should rejoice with the Lord's people; for He will avenge the injustice of His servant's bloodshed, repay His enemies, purify His land, and redeem His people."

→ The ending of hope points to God's ultimate victory and redemption

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, our rock:

Thank You for being an honest, just, and upright God; Your works are perfect, and Your actions are never unjust. You once found us in the wilderness, protecting us like eyes in their eyes, carrying us on their backs like eagles on their backs.

We admit that we often forgot You, went astray, and sometimes even relied on nothingness after receiving grace. Discipline us according to Your lovingkindness, and heal us; O Lord who brings death and life, wounds and heals, please turn us back once again.

Please help us keep this song in our hearts, teach the next generation, and let our days be long because we obey Your word. May we rejoice with all nations, for You will avenge His people, cleanse us, and redeem us.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Overview of Deuteronomy chapter 33

Deuteronomy chapter 33 is the blessing Moses blessed for the twelve tribes of Israel before his death (similar to the blessing given by Jacob in Genesis chapter 49). The entire chapter is written in the form of a poem and divided into three parts:

1. Introduction (verses 1-5): Moses, as the 'man of God,' proclaimed the blessing, recalling the glory of the Lord appearing from Sinai, Zier, and Mount Balaam, bringing with him the saints and transmitting the law of blazing fire in His right hand. It emphasizes God's love for His people, and that all the saints receive His word in His hands; Moses made the law the inheritance of the assembly of Jacob, and the Lord reigns over 'Yeshurun' (an Israeli name meaning 'the upright').
2. Blessings for each tribe (verses 6-25): Moses blessed each tribe one by one (the tribe of Simeon is not specifically mentioned, possibly due to later integration into Judah). Key points include:
 1. Reuben: May he live and not be few in number. Judas: Pray that God hears his voice and helps him fight and return to his people
 2. Levi: Responsible for Thumim-urim, teaches the law, offers sacrifices, prays to God to bless his work, and strikes down his enemies
 3. Benjamin: The beloved of the LORD, dwelling in peace, covered all day by God, dwelling on His shoulders
 4. Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh): received the dew of heaven, the springs of the earth, good fruit, the treasures of the mountains, and the joy of the Lord among thorns; The horns of wild oxes opposed all nations
 5. Zebulun and Issachar: rejoicing as they go to sea, offering sacrifices, and reaping the riches of the ocean.

6. Gad: Like a lion expanding and carrying out justice
 7. But: like a lion cub
 8. Naphtali: Filled with grace and full of the blessings of the Lord
 9. Asher: Pleased by brothers, feet dipped in oil, door bolts made of iron and bronze, life is as strong as it is
3. Conclusion (verses 26-29): Praise God for His incomparability—there is no God like Jeshurun, who travels through the heavens to help His people; The living God is the dwelling place, the everlasting arm supports from below; He drives out his enemies, allowing Israel to dwell in peace in the land of grain and fresh wine, and rain falls from heaven. Finally, he declares: "Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, the people saved by the Lord? He is your shield, helping you, your mighty sword."

This chapter is filled with God's love, protection, and provision for Israel, emphasizing that God is the source of blessing and foreshadowing the stability and victory upon entering the Promised Land. Simeon's absence may reflect his historical destiny.

Important scriptures (mainly Chinese Union Version, with brief explanations).

1. 33:3: "He loves His people; All the saints are in His hands. They sit at His feet and receive His word."

Emphasizing God's ongoing love and closeness guidance

2. 33:12 (on Benjamin): "Those whom the Lord loves will dwell with the Lord; The Lord covers him all day and dwells on his shoulders."

Depicts God's intimate protection and presence

3. 33:27: "The living God is your dwelling place; His everlasting arm is beneath you. He drives out his enemies before you and says, 'Destroy them!'" A

deeply comforting promise: God is the eternal refuge and support

4. 33:29: "Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, the people saved by the Lord? He is your shield, your help and your glorious sword. Your enemies will surrender to you; You will tread on their heights."

The chapter climaxes, proclaiming God's salvation and victory

These verses are often used to meditate on God's love, protection, and power.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, living God,

we thank You because You are the God of Israel and our God. Just as Moses blessed the people at the end of his life, we too are blessed because of Your love. You appeared from Sinai, loving the people, and let us sit at Your feet to receive Your word

Be our dwelling place, an everlasting arm that supports us; No matter how days are or how strong we are. Drive out the enemies from our lives, so that we may dwell in peace and be satisfied with Your provision.

Israel, we also say together: Blessed are we! Who is like us, the people saved by the Lord? You are our shield, our help, our glorious sword. May we be victorious through You, glory to Your name.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

Deuteronomy chapter 34 is the final chapter of the Pentateuch (the Book of the Law), recording Moses' passing and the transition of leadership. This chapter is concise and solemn, divided into several key points:

1. Moses gazed far into the promised land (verses 1-4)

Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plain of Moab (the summit of Mount Pishkah, opposite Jericho). The Lord Himself showed him all the land of Canaan: from Gilead to Dan, Naphtali, Ephraim and Manasseh, Judah to the Western Sea (Mediterranean), Southern Land, and the plain of Jericho to Zoar.

God said to him, "This is the land I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob..... Now I have made your eyes see, but you shall not cross there." This was God's final conversation with Moses, affirming the promised faithfulness and carrying out the discipline he had previously declared regarding the Milibah incident (Numbers 20).

2. Moses' Death and Burial (verses 5-8)

"Moses, the servant of the Lord," died in the land of Moab, just as God had said. God Himself buried him in the valley opposite Belpel, and to this day no one knows his tomb (to avoid worshipping him).

Moses died at the age of 120, his eyes undiminished, his spirit not decayed—he did not die of old age, but was taken by God after completing his mission. The Israelites mourned for him for thirty days, and the mourning period was complete

3. Joshua continued leadership (verse 9)

Joshua, son of Nun, was filled with the Spirit of wisdom because Moses laid hands on his head. The Israelites obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. Leadership was smoothly handed over, and God's work continued

4. Evaluation of Moses (verses 10-12):

"After that, no prophet like Moses arose in Israel. He was known face to face by the LORD." God sent him to Egypt to perform various signs and wonders, and to display His mighty hand and great and awesome deeds before all Israel. This is the highest praise for Moses' lifelong faithful service

This chapter ends the era of Moses and opens a new chapter in Joshua's leading of the people into Canaan. It emphasizes God's faithfulness, the faithfulness of servants, and the continuity of God's work—people will pass, and God's promises and plans will never fail.

Important scriptures (Chinese Union Version as the main text).

1. 34:4: "The Lord said to him, 'This is the land I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give this land to your descendants.' Now I have made your eyes see, but you shall not cross there.'"

God kept His covenant with his ancestors and reminded people of the importance of obedience

2. 34:5-6: "Then the servant of the Lord Moses died in the land of Moab, just as the Lord had said. The Lord buried him in the valley opposite the land of Moab, in the valley opposite Bephyr, but to this day no one knows his grave."

This highlights Moses' identity as "the Lord's servant," and the honor and humility of God personally burying him

3. 34:7: "Moses died at the age of 120; His eyes were not dimmed, his spirit was not frail."

This demonstrates the health and strength God gives to faithful servants until the mission is fulfilled

4. 34:10: "Afterwards, no prophet like Moses was raised in Israel. He was the one whom the Lord knew face to face."

Moses' intimate relationship with God was his unique mark (until the greater prophet Jesus Christ appeared, Hebrews 3).

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

we thank You for You are the faithful and covenant God. Just as You let Moses gaze far into the promised land, you also let us see a more beautiful heavenly home through Jesus Christ

Please help us to be faithful servants like Moses, following You throughout our lives and fulfilling the mission You have entrusted to us. Even if we have weaknesses and limitations, grant us clear sight and unwavering spirit, until the very last moment.

Thank You for personally watching over our lives and personally arranging our endings. Raise up leaders like Joshua, filled with a spirit of wisdom, so that Your work may continue to move forward.

Israel, we also acknowledge together: there is no prophet like Moses until the Lord Jesus comes. May we closely follow this greater Moses—our Savior Jesus Christ—until we see Your face.

In the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen.