

YOUTH WORSHIP

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Text : Deuteronomy 4, 5

Title : "This is your wisdom and your understanding"

Deuteronomy 4:6

INTRODUCTION

1. Review

- a) Deuteronomy 1-3
- b) Historical
- c) Many lessons learned

2. From Deuteronomy 4 onwards

- a) Moses taught concerning the Law and the 10 Commandments
- b) Understanding the way to see the 10 commandments
- c) More than just a matter of obedience

3. The title of today's message is

"This is your wisdom and your understanding"

Deuteronomy 4:6

- a) How should we understand this phrase?
- b) Why did Moses make this statement?

THE CORRECT PERSPECTIVE OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

"Therefore be careful to observe *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people."

Deuteronomy 4:6

1. Not just a matter of obedience

- a) Burdensome
- b) Difficult
- c) Tend to fail

2. "This is your wisdom and your understanding"

- a) A correct perspective is to see the 10 commandments as Israel's wisdom and their understanding
- b) The 10 commandments were meant to give Israel
 - i) Wisdom
 - ii) Understanding

3. Enable Israel to become a wise and understanding people

- a) All would recognise Israel as a wise and understanding nation
- b) They would be known for their wonderful laws

COMPELLING REASONS TO SEE THE OBSERVING OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AS ISRAEL'S WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

1. The foolishness of Israel

- a) When Israel had no commandments or did not obey them
 - i) There was no wisdom
 - ii) There was no understanding
 - iii) They did not know how to regard God and man
- b) Instead, there was foolishness
 - i) They sinned against the Lord
 - ii) They made mistakes again and again
 - iii) They sought to do their own things
 - iv) They ended up doing many foolish things and faced severe judgements
- c) The 10 commandments were meant to give Israel the wisdom not to be foolish

2. The wisdom of having a good foundation

- a) The 10 commandments were meant to be the fundamental laws of Israel
 - i) Regard for God

ii) Regard for mankind

b) Their regard for God will affect the way they regard man

c) These were basics that Israel would be wise to cultivate

3. Wisdom to stand out as a great nation

a) God is near to Israel

“For what great nation *is there* that has God so near it, as the LORD our God *is to us*, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him?” Deuteronomy 4:7

i) Review of God drawing near to Israel Exodus 19,20;
Deuteronomy 4:11-14

ii) The new generation

iii) The Lord is also near to them

iv) This is what makes a nation great and wise...when God is near

b) Statutes and righteous judgement

“And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgements as are in all this law which I set before you this day?” Deuteronomy 4:8

i) Statutes are like provisions, additional laws outside the commandments

iii) Judgements made by God concerning certain situations

CHALLENGE TO FOLLOW THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

⁹“Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, ¹⁰ *especially concerning* the day you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.’

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

1. Take heed

2. Diligently keep

3. Not forget
4. Pass it on to the next generation
5. In fear of the Lord

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

1. Start with knowing the 10 commandments
2. Understand the spirit of the law... It is your wisdom and your understanding
3. Appreciate the significance of these wise commandments
4. Seek to follow these wise commandments