

YOUTH WORSHIP

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Text: Deuteronomy 29

Title: "That we may do all the words of this law"

Deuteronomy 29:29

INTRODUCTION

1. God's covenant and oath Deuteronomy 29:12-13
 - a. To establish Israel as a people to Himself
 - b. To be their God
2. Key features of God's Covenant
 - a. Israel must enter into God's Covenant
Deuteronomy 29:12
 - b. Israel must understand and practise the community aspect of God's Covenant
Deuteronomy 29:14
 - c. Israel must guard against the danger of forsaking God's Covenant
Deuteronomy 29:25

THE NEED FOR A RENEWED COVENANTAL COMMITMENT

"These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb." Deuteronomy 29:1

1. Israel in the land of Moab Deuteronomy 29:1
 - a. Israel had now come to the end of their 40 years in the wilderness
 - b. The old generation that came out of Egypt had now been replaced by an entirely new generation
 - c. This new generation of Israel was about to enter into the Promised Land
2. The need for Israel's renewed commitment to God's Covenant
 - a. God's Covenant made in Horeb 40 years ago with Israel was still applicable
 - b. The current generation of Israel
 - i. They must not assume that they had already entered into God's Covenant

- ii. Neither must they think that God's Covenant no longer applied to them
- c. The challenge was whether Israel would renew their commitment to God's Covenant before entering the Promised Land
- d. God's Covenant would continue to apply even in the generations to come

"I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today." Deuteronomy 29:14-15

THE CONSEQUENCES OF FORSAKING GOD'S COVENANT REITERATED

1. The dangers forewarned

- a. The heart does not seek to perceive what the LORD has done

"Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day." Deuteronomy 29:4

- b. The heart can be turned away from the LORD

"So that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations." Deuteronomy 29:18a

- c. The heart can become corrupted

"And that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood." Deuteronomy 29:18b

- d. The heart can end up being presumptuous

"And so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart'—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober." Deuteronomy 29:19

2. The consequences of forsaking God's Covenant

"The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven." Deuteronomy 29:20

- a. The anger of the LORD
- b. Curse in place of blessing

THE CHOICE THAT MUST BE MADE

1. To be obedient to the Word of God

*“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”
Deuteronomy 29:29*

- a. There will be secret aspects of God’s plan that are not revealed
- b. But the things which are revealed
 - i. These belong to Israel and to Israel’s children
 - ii. Israel must seek to do all the words of this law

2. To return to the LORD in moments of failure

- a. He will have compassion

“And you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you.” Deuteronomy 30:2-3

- b. He will cleanse the heart

“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” Deuteronomy 30:6

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE

1. It is possible to succeed!

“For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.” Deuteronomy 30:11-14

2. Choosing right will lead to life and blessing!

"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." Deuteronomy 30:19-20