

Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20 (July 23, 2021)

Reflection: *When we think of living our life to the fullest, we think of living our life the way we want, however we want it. Is this how Christians should live out their lives? What is the issue of thinking of life in this way?*

Read Deuteronomy 29:2-15, “Celebrating God’s Covenantal Grace”

1. Briefly discuss what did Israel experienced in Egypt (v.2-3), What has God been doing for them these last forty years in the wilderness (v.5-8)? What does God say about Israel’s understanding of the events of Egypt? (v.4) From v.7, what is the correct understanding they should draw from these events? From all the grace that God has shown to them, what should this encourage them to do (v.9)? Who were the partakers of this ceremony? (v.10-11,14-15) What was the purpose of coming to this ceremony? (v.12-13)

Read Deuteronomy 29:16-28, “Consequences of Spurning God’s Covenantal Grace”

2. What are the Israelites to beware of? (v.16-18, 19-21) What are the consequences for these people? (v. 20-21), how will the collective consequences affect the land? (v.22-23), and what will the future generation, foreigners in the land, and other nations say about this devastation of the land? (v.22-28)

Smoke is a sign of God’s passionate anger against that man

Thinking blessings guaranteed to him unconditionally

Blessings an curses idea he does away with “sweeping them away” thinking he can get away with it

3. How would you describe a Christian’s responsibility to live faithfully within the New Covenant? How would you warn someone who calls themselves a Christian but doesn’t think it is important to live faithfully? In what ways do Christians prosper when they obey?

Read Deuteronomy 29:29-30:1-10, “Dark Days Behind, A Bright Future Ahead”

4. When will Israel experience a restoration? (v. 1), what will this restoration look like between God and his children? (v.2-6, 8-10) How will Israel’s foes be affected when this restoration happens? (v.7)

5. How do Christians today connect with these verses? Christians have been told their hearts have been circumcised, what does circumcision of the heart mean and how should this practically affect us today?

Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20

6. Are God's commandments in Deuteronomy too hard for people to follow? (v.11-14) Describe the two paths from v.15-19a, 1) life and good, 2) death and evil.

7. Jesus tells us there are two paths. As he says in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." How do we enter the narrow gate that leads to life? (John 14:6) What does life look like on this path and why is it hard? Describe what people are like who are on the easy road? Why does this road lead to destruction?