



ROUTE 66

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February 5, 2012 A.M. Service

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"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

LEARN THE WORD

- ✓ Continue Reading the Word of God every day in 2012 – if you get behind, start where we are and catch up as you have time – DON’T just QUIT!!
- ✓ Be a part of the of the Winter LifeTraks TONIGHT @ 5 p.m. that will help you get a better grasp on the Bible, how to study, understand, and apply it to your daily life better than ever before!

LOVE THE WORD

- ✓ Make Worship @ Bethsalem a Priority & not simply an option to hear the Word of God proclaimed!!
- ✓ Make time to mediate on the Word and upon Jesus – Fall more in love with Jesus as you read and digest His Words to you!!

LIVE THE WORD

- ✓ Have you come to the place where you understand that without His deliverance in your life you are doomed? You can make that decision and be delivered today from your sin and self. You can become a follower by accepting this free gift of God; if you will by faith believe, and surrender your heart and life to Him! **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God’s Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord for the rest of your life & being His fully devoted follower!
- ✓ Be willing to share what you learn with others that you come in contact with – don’t just get the Word in you, but also get it out of you!! (Especially your family and most importantly your children!!)
- ✓ *Find specific application this week to what you have heard and experienced* – Take time to look back at what God has done, what He is doing right now in your life and what He promises to do. Choose Life this week!! - Would you choose to love and obey Him more, depend upon Him and repent and return in the areas where you have failed Him!!

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Deuteronomy is the last book of the Pentateuch – and the last one that Moses wrote. We find the children of Israel now camped not far from the Jordan River in the plan of Moab. (See Map) They have completed the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness – the old generation has died and all that remain are Moses, Aaron, and Miriam plus Joshua and Caleb and the those that were under 20 when we concluded the disaster at Kadesh Barnea from Numbers. They have been wandering, but now about to go and enter the land and begin to settle there so things were about to change. The last 15 chapters of Numbers correspond to this book. This happened over a months’ time in the 11 month of the 40th year– In the beginning of the year in the 1st month begins with Miriam dying, Aaron dies in the 5th month, and Moses dying at the end of this 11th month.

So we see the purpose of the book of Deuteronomy. It is called the 2nd law – not that a new law was given, but instead the restating and even expounding upon the law that had already been given. It was for the new generation, some of which had not even been born yet! The name comes from [Deuteronomy 17:18](#) – meaning second law.

We see the book basically divided into 3 messages from Moses to the people as he was seeing that his time was drawing near to leave this life. In many ways it summarizes the 1st 4 books, almost like [John](#) is to the other 3 Gospels. The emphasis in [Exodus](#), [Leviticus](#), and [Numbers](#) were more focused on the priests and Levites where all of what was written here applied to everyone. It reveals to us much about the attributes of God. It is directly quoted in the NT over 40 times (exceeded only by [Psalms](#) and [Isaiah](#)) with many more allusions to its content. Jesus quoted from it more than any other Old Testament Book and we see it most likely referred in the days of in Josiah in [2 Kings 23](#) and his reforms of his day. We also see it referred to in the Prophets Jeremiah and Hosea. So we see its importance and place in Scripture.

God’s Clear Call

✓ **The Look Back: Beware & Don’t Forget (1-4)**

Beware, Then watch yourself, lest you forget – Remember – don't forget! [Deuteronomy 4:9, 23; 5:15; 6:12; 8:2,11,14,19](#)

We are a lot like they are – we have a strong tendency to forget – we have a very short memory! God knew that was true for them and would also be true for us so we can learn from them!

The best way to prepare for the future is to understand the past. “the famous quote – “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” We see them coming back to the edge of the promise land and those same giants that the people were afraid of and the fortified cities still stood – yet the same promise rings true then as it still does today – God gives them another chance – a chance to trust Him and follow Him where He would lead them – into the Promise Land.

Moses reminds them of the great things that God had done and not the people – the Lord had delivered time after time!

As we look back on our past – what do you see and feel? Gratitude and thankfulness?; pride over what you think you did?; sadness over the things you did or didn't do; the faithfulness of God through it all. May we learn from our past, allow God to redeem it by not repeating but walking in faith in the present and on into the future.

✓ **The Look Within: We Must Love & Please Him** ([5-11](#))

In the present – God's call is very clear – we are called to live a holy life which is one that pleases Him. He reminds them of the Law and all it contains, reminds them of the Glory and Greatness of God, and reminds them of His great love for them – this was unique about this book for we don't see God's love specifically mentioned although He certainly showed it – again God continuing to reveal Himself [Deut.7:7-8](#) Our response is what we just read earlier called the Shemah – This call is the same for us today.

May we ask the Lord to look within us and examine us and that we take any necessary steps of correction that we are loving and pleasing Him and no other!

✓ **The Look Ahead: Take the Land** ([12-30](#))

Their call was clear – go and take the Land – and specifically lays out how they were to take the land. He was very clear and He tells them if you do it My way, you will prosper and things will go well with you,

but if you do not, then things will not go well with you. God's discipline was sure to come if they did not. The challenge here – don't compromise, don't take short cuts, don't trust your ways, but only my ways – walk in them and things will go well – isn't that still true today. Doesn't mean it will be perfect – but when we do it God's way, things go so much better than when we do them our way.

What lies ahead of you in your life? Where has you called you to go, what has He asked you to do – doesn't have to be something huge by the way, but taking the land in your life and doing as He called you to do. As we do that, we must do it God's way and not our own way. We must rely and depend upon Him for He will fight for us and take care of the battles! God was going to be faithful to them in the future just as He had been in the past and was even doing that right now.

✓ **The Look Up: It's All New (31-34)**

This whole section is really about Moses and the closing of his life.

Moses had been faithful to the Lord, loyal to his people, and loved them for over 40 years. Though he was not perfect (remember his sin where he struck the rock and God said he could not enter the Promise Land), and there was a price to pay for his sin, he makes certain that he does his best to get them people ready to enter it! Really makes us stop and ask the question, how will we finish our lives. The younger you are, the more of a challenge this is for us, yet one that I pray that we will look at that today.

A New Leader (31)– we will talk about him in great detail next week – but we see here that he is called out, he is commissioned and the nation is prepared with a new leader to take them where Moses could not.

A New Song (32) – We see God referred to as the Rock, reminding them again of what He had done and then what they would do in the future.

It was a song given to be a witness against them and their sin and yet God's promise of hope and restoration

The New Blessing (33) He prays over them and prays that God will bless them in every way – praying over the tribes individually.

The New Home (34) We see Moses couldn't have written this part – but we see Moses passing from this life to the next in heaven – his new home that would far exceed that of the Promise Land! God's plan was for Joshua to take them into the promise land even though Moses

pleaded to be able to go. (Yet we do see at the Mt of Transfiguration where He is able to stand with Elijah and Jesus!) God alone was present when he died and God himself buried him.

Our Clear Choice *Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 30:15-20*

We see God's clear call and because of His amazing love – just as He did the people of Israel, He too gives us a choice and Moses' words ring just as true for us as it did then – may we make the right choice today!

✓ **Choose Life**

For the nation of Israel – if they chose life – it would mean that trust God and follow His way and it led to blessing and life, but if they chose their way – idols and disobedience it would lead to death.

The same is true today! If I would ask here or in any setting, how many of you rather live or die? The answer would be clear – life. Moses pleads with them – and I echo his words – choose life – to choose life today is to choose Jesus. [John 3:36](#) The only way we can have life is to have Jesus!! The only way to enjoy this life is to have Jesus [John 10:10](#)

✓ **Choose to Love** (*Hold Fast*) Loving God is the key to everything We must love with everything we have and everything we are Our heart, soul, mind and strength. Remember the rich young ruler in the New Testament basically asks Jesus to sum up on the Old Testament in a sentence and He does just that – Love the Lord and love your neighbor! Why do we love Him? – Because He first love us – I John reminds us! That is the greatest call in our lives and as we love Him we will do the next thing – Obey Him which all brings glory to Him!

✓ **Choose to Obey** (*Follow*) Obedience is a matter of the heart Remember we don't obey God for Him to love us, but instead we obey Him because we love Him. Jesus said it clearly – If you love me – you will keep my commands – you will obey me – you will follow me! Not just a fan, but a follower – that is the mark of the follower. Loving God with all we are by obeying His call on our lives!

✓ **Choose to Repent and Return** Love Christ more than our sin Loving Him more than our false gods Sometimes we mess up – and we will – but the key is what we do when we do! The people were stiff-necked, hard hearted, rebellious and did not repent or return until judgment had fallen! May we live 1 John 1:19

may we live that Day of Atonement – and that Scapegoat – truly sorry and broken over our sin, and returning to Him with everything we have!

✓ **Choose to Pass It On to the Next Generation**

Parents are disciple-makers – The other thing we learn here and particularly from the Shemah, is that we must pass it down and we do primarily in our homes! This is crucial. We have talked about this a lot but we will do so in great detail during our Courageous Journey, especially from the movie and LifeTraks and how to do just that!

✓ **Choose to Follow God’s Called Leaders**

May we be godly leaders who others can follow. May we respond to God’s leadership through His leaders.

God’s Call is Clear and so is our Choice – what will you choose?