

Week 9

Circumcised Hearts

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²² Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Week 9: *Discussion Questions*

Share about a time when your action or facial expression contrasted how you actually felt inwardly. How often do you find yourself in these kinds of situations?

Read **Deuteronomy 10:12-16** and discuss the following.

What does the Lord require of us? What kind of change does He desire to see in His people?

Why is this command necessary? What sinful tendencies of man does this expose?

How does this passage directly connect to last week's study (**9:6**)? By implication, what characterizes spiritual stubbornness?

Read **Deuteronomy 10:17-22** and discuss the following.

According to this passage, what motivates heart-level change? How might this kind of spiritual transformation manifest itself?

List the various ways the Lord is represented in this text. How is His greatness extolled? What does this teach us about God? How should this inform how we see ourselves, as His people?

As disciples of Christ, how are we being inwardly changed? How does the Holy Spirit perform this sanctifying work in us?

Week 10

A Prophet Like Moses

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Acts 3:22-24

²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

John 6:14

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Week 10: *Discussion Questions*

Christ says all of Scripture points to Him (**John 5:39-40; Luke 24:27, 44**). The Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms each tell us something of our Savior—each anticipates His arrival. We find an example of this here in the middle of Deuteronomy. Read **Deuteronomy 18:15-22** and discuss the following.

Who is promised in this passage? What will make this coming one unique?

Describe the basic role and function of a prophet. How have we observed Moses fulfilling this duty throughout the book of Deuteronomy?

The event referenced in **v.16** is recorded in **5:23-28**. At Horeb, Moses was selected to serve as a mediating prophet, going before the Lord and returning with the words God had spoken. How was Israel to know whether or not Moses (*or any other prophet*) was legitimately delivering what the Lord had spoken?

In the NT we find that people were anticipating the Prophet (**John 1:21**). After seeing the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, people recognized that Jesus was indeed the promised one (**John 6:14**). How did Jesus fit the description given in Deuteronomy?

How does a fulfilled prophecy like this one—made thousands of years in advance—grow your confidence in Christ and His Word?

In his sermon from Solomon's Portico (**Acts 3:22-24**), Peter quoted **v.15** to show that Christ was the promised prophet. He later cited **v.19** to highlight the grievous error of rejecting Him. What does Jesus say about those who reject Him and His message (**Mark 8:38**)?

Conclude by comparing the ministries of Moses and Jesus. How does Christ's ministry far surpass the ministry of Moses? What did Christ come to do? How has He provided a greater deliverance and rest for His people?

Week 11

Revealed Things

Deuteronomy 29:29

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

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

¹¹ “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Neither 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?’ ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Week 11: *Discussion Questions*

If you could have the Lord give you understanding to any mystery of the faith, which one would have Him explain, and why? Why do you suppose the Lord has not revealed all the details and inner workings of His plan to us?

Read **Deuteronomy 29:29** and discuss the following.

How does this verse speak to the sufficiency of what God has revealed? For what purpose has His Word been given? What is the accompanying promise?

Read **Deuteronomy 30:11-20** and discuss the following.

Moses presents the people with a choice between two options. Describe each option and the connected consequences.

In this final climatic exhortation, Moses offers a heartening word to spur the people on in obedience. What is his encouragement?

Do you ever feel as though God's ways are "*too hard for you*"? Explain. How does **2nd Peter 1:3-4** offer encouragement for the believer who may feel ill-equipped?

Paul quotes a portion of this passage in **Romans 10:6-8**. How does the apostle utilize these verses in his argument? What does this teach us about our faith and the Scriptures?

Why do you think Moses concludes in this way? What part of his final charge most sticks out to you, and why?

Week 12

Strong & Courageous

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. ⁸ It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Week 12: *Discussion Questions*

Think of a time when you needed great courage. Then share with the group how you made it through.

Read **Deuteronomy 31:1-8** and discuss the following.

Before discussing Moses' command to his future successor, briefly consider his life. Scripture tells us that Moses was very old and nearing his death. What are some things he saw and experienced in his 120 years? How does this give weight and validity to what he says in this passage?

As Moses has made clear throughout the book, he would not be allowed entry into Canaan because of his own disobedience. What do you make of his faithfulness to the end?

Moses commissions Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. Summarize and discuss the main points of his message for Israel's new leader.

According to this passage, what reasons are given for their confidence? **Hebrews 13:5** references **v.8**. What assurance does a believer in Christ have of God's continual presence?

In a given week, when are you most prone to fear? When are you most regularly mindful of your weakness? How might a renewed awareness of the Lord's presence, give you strength and courage to face these challenges?

Week 13

Moses' Song

Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 44-47

³ *For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
ascribe greatness to our God!*

⁴ *"The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.*

*A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.*

⁴⁴ *Moses came and recited all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. ⁴⁵ And when Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, ⁴⁶ he said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."*

Week 13: Discussion Questions

Deuteronomy 32 records Moses' song and foretells of his death. In many ways, it serves as a summary of Israel's history and a warning for God's people going forward. As you read sections of the song, note key themes that emerge. Read **Deuteronomy 32:1-18** and discuss the following.

What words are used to describe God? How is His care for Israel characterized?

How is Israel described in the text? In your own words, summarize their behavior. (**Note:** *Jeshurun is another name for Israel, which means 'upright one'*)

Based upon what we have read, what is Israel's chief sin? What is typically the reason for their falling away?

Read **Deuteronomy 32:28-39** and discuss the following.

Who is "Rock" referencing? Also, to whom is "rock" alluding?

Again, how is the Lord characterized in the text?

Read **Deuteronomy 32:44-47** and discuss the following.

What stands out to you in this paragraph, and why? How do you interpret Moses' tone? How is this message applicable to us today? In what ways do you see yourself in Israel? Explain.

As we conclude our study of Deuteronomy, share one or two personal takeaways from this series.