

Listen and Love



**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The Israelites, having escaped from slavery in Egypt, spent a year at Mount Sinai where they received the law. After this they spent 40 years roaming around the wilderness where they eventually reached the river Jordan, where they found themselves about to enter the land that God had promised them.

This is the point at which Deuteronomy begins.

God is preparing the people of Israel to enter the promised land. There was a new generation of people who would make the journey across the river and they needed to be ready to take this significant step. Although Moses would not make the journey himself, he was going to be preparing them for the step they were about to take.

In Chapters 1-11 Moses reminds the Israelites of their disobedience and rebellion and the impact of this upon them. In Chapters 12-26 he challenges this new generation of Israelites to not be like their parents, but to listen (the Hebrew word for 'hear' required an active response) and then to love ... love God and each other. He reminds them of the laws that they had received and expands and explains this to them (This is where the book of Deuteronomy gets its name from – it means second reading). Finally, in Chapters 27-34, Moses urges the people to choose God's way, to choose life ... he does this kind of knowing that their hearts were hard and in time they would rebel against God again.



Monday Deuteronomy 1

"In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go." (v. 32-33)

Tuesday Deuteronomy 2

"Then the LORD said to me, 'You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north.'" (v. 3)

Wednesday Deuteronomy 3

"I commanded you at that time: 'The LORD your God has given you this land to take possession of it. But all your able-bodied men, armed for battle, must cross over ahead of the other Israelites.'" (v. 18)

Thursday Deuteronomy 4

"Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you." (v. 1-2)

Friday Deuteronomy 5

"Moses summoned all Israel and said: 'Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them.'" (v. 1)

Saturday Deuteronomy 6

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." (v. 4)

Sunday Deuteronomy 7

"This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire. For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession." (v. 5)

Monday Deuteronomy 8

"He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." (v. 3)

Tuesday Deuteronomy 9

"It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (v. 5)

Wednesday Deuteronomy 10

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul." (v. 12)

Thursday Deuteronomy 11

"But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done." (v. 7)

Friday *Deuteronomy 12*

"The LORD your God will cut off before you the nations you are about to invade and dispossess. But when you have driven them out and settled in their land, and after they have been destroyed before you, be careful not to be ensnared by inquiring about their gods, saying, 'How do these nations serve their gods? We will do the same.'" (v. 29-30)

Saturday *Deuteronomy 13*

"It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him." (v. 4)

Sunday *Deuteronomy 14*

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. Out of all the peoples on the face of the earth, the LORD has chosen you to be his treasured possession." (v. 2)

Monday *Deuteronomy 15*

"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." (v.10)

Tuesday *Deuteronomy 16*

"Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you." (v. 20)

Wednesday *Deuteronomy 17*

"When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests." (v.18)

Thursday *Deuteronomy 18*

"The Levitical priests, indeed, the whole tribe of Levi, are to have no allotment or inheritance with Israel. They shall live on the food offerings presented to the LORD, for that is their inheritance. They shall have no inheritance among their fellow Israelites; the LORD is their inheritance, as he promised them." (v.1-2)

Friday *Deuteronomy 19*

"Then set aside for yourselves three cities in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess." (v. 2)

Saturday *Deuteronomy 20*

"When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you." (v. 1)

Sunday *Deuteronomy 21*

"He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him." (v. 17)

Monday *Deuteronomy 22*

Do not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard; if you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled (v. 9)

Tuesday *Deuteronomy 23*

"For the LORD your God moves about in your camp to protect you and to deliver your enemies to you. Your camp must be holy, so that he will not see among you anything indecent and turn away from you." (v. 14)

Wednesday Deuteronomy 24

"When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands." (v.19)

Thursday Deuteronomy 25

"For the LORD your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly." (v. 16)

Friday Deuteronomy 26

"He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him." (v. 9-10)

Saturday Deuteronomy 27

"Obey the LORD your God and follow his commands and decrees that I give you today." (v. 10)

Sunday Deuteronomy 28

"If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." (v. 1-2)

Monday Deuteronomy 29

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law." (v. 29)

Tuesday Deuteronomy 30

"And when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today." (v. 2)

Wednesday Deuteronomy 31

"Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, 'Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'" (v. 7-8)

Thursday Deuteronomy 32

And Moses recited the words of this song from beginning to end in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel: Listen, you heavens, and I will speak; hear, you earth, the words of my mouth (v.31:30-32:1)

Friday Deuteronomy 33

"There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty." (v. 26)

Saturday Deuteronomy 34

"Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel." (v. 10-12)

