

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. In the foreground, a steep, rocky cliff face descends into a deep valley. A winding dirt road snakes through the valley floor, leading towards a large, dense crowd of people gathered in a flat, open area. The background shows rolling hills and a winding road that disappears into the distance under a clear sky.

# **Deuteronomy**

**A Call to Covenant Renewal**



# For Your Good

Deuteronomy 10:12-22



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Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners  
in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God.  
You shall serve him and hold fast to him,  
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# Deuteronomy 10:21-22

He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons,  
and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous  
as the stars of heaven.

# Central Thought

The requirements of God and the reasons for obedience do not change, but the gospel has changed how we relate to Moses' teaching now.







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# Love is at the center of His Law

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# **The Heart of the Commandments**

**Love the LORD and  
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Love and worship?

To fear, serve, and cling  
to the LORD is to love and  
worship Him.



# Love and Worship

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# Revere and honor Him

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# Give yourself to Him

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# Trust and stay close to Him

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# Identify yourself with Him

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# **Make Him the object and adornment of your worship!**

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# All of your affection and devotion!

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# **The Great Commandment**

**Fear the LORD**

**Love and worship the LORD**

# Fear is a worship word!

**Deuteronomy 6:13**

You shall **fear** only the LORD your God;  
and you shall **worship** Him, and swear by His name.

**Revelation 14:7**

**Fear** God, and **give Him glory**, because the hour  
of His judgment has come; and **worship** Him who made  
the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.

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# Obedience is worship!

Deuteronomy 30:17

But if your heart turns away and you **will not obey**, but are drawn away and **worship other gods** and serve them.

John 14:15

If you **love** Me, you will **keep** My commandments.

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# Following is worshipping!

2 Kings 21:21

For he **walked** in all the way that his father had **walked**,  
and served the idols that his father had served  
and **worshiped** them.

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**Serve the LORD**



# Serving is worshipping!

**Deuteronomy 11:16**

Beware, lest your hearts be deceived and you turn away  
and **serve** other gods and **worship** them.

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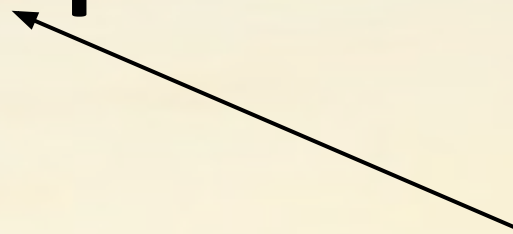
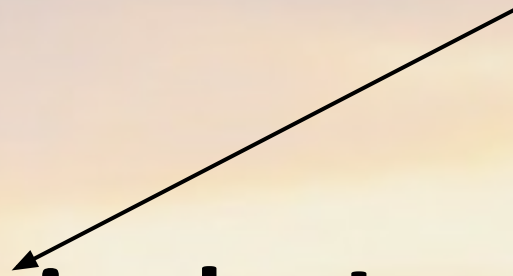
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# What does the LORD require?

That we love the LORD and worship Him only.

That we love our neighbors,  
especially those who are helpless.



God's Way

Your Way

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If the outsider is to be loved,  
surely those within the  
community should be loved!

# Love ALL your neighbors!

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# What, then, does the Lord require?

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and be no longer stubborn.

That you cut away from your heart  
all other affections that would hinder  
your love and devotion to Him.



Why should His  
people obey?



# Why obey?

Because He is their God and loves them and chose them.



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# Because He is your God!

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# Because He loved your fathers!

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# Because He chose to love you!

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# Why obey?

Because He is their God and loves them and chose them.

Because He is the only,  
almighty, sovereign King.



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# He is the only God

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# He is the Sovereign King

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# Why obey?

Because He is their God and loves them and chose them.

Because He is the almighty, sovereign King.

Because *He* cares for the  
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## Because His law is for their good.



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How do we determine  
the “good life”?

It is God who instructs  
and commands us in what  
is truly good for us!





How does  
Moses' teaching  
relate to us and  
to the gospel?

# What about us and the Gospel?

**We** are the helpless ones!





Deuteronomy 10:18

He...loves the sojourner.

**We were the sojourners!**

Ephesians 2:19

So then **you are no longer** strangers and aliens,  
but you are fellow citizens with the saints,  
and are of God's household.

# **We were helpless!**

Romans 5:6

For **while we were still helpless**,  
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Have you acknowledged your  
helplessness before God?

# What about us and the Gospel?

We are the helpless ones!

God loved us and has done  
good to us in Christ.



### **Ephesians 1:3-6**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.



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# He has blessed us!

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God loved us and has done good to us in Christ.

Through Christ He is cleansing our hearts and perfecting us in holiness.





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# **Respond by Considering...**

Have you given your life to Christ and are you identifying yourself with Him?

Are you cutting away the competing affections of your heart?