

An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. In the foreground, a steep, rocky cliffside descends into a wide valley. A large, dense crowd of people is gathered in the valley floor, appearing as a textured grey area. The surrounding terrain is characterized by rolling hills and deep, eroded gullies, typical of a desert environment. The sky is clear and bright, suggesting a sunny day. The overall scene conveys a sense of a significant event or gathering in a remote, natural setting.

Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal

For Your Good

Deuteronomy 10:12-22



Deuteronomy 10:12-15

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Deuteronomy 10:16-20

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is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty,
and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.
He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.
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,
and by his name you shall swear.

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.





What does the
LORD require?

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That we love the LORD
and worship Him only.



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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
worship Him only.**



Love and worship?

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

Love and Worship

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

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and by his name you shall swear.

Revere and honor Him

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

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and by his name you shall swear.

Give yourself to Him

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

You shall fear the LORD your God.

You shall serve him and hold fast to him,
and by his name you shall swear.

Trust and stay close to Him

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

You shall fear the LORD your God.

You shall serve him and **hold fast to him,**
and by his name you shall swear.

Identify yourself with Him

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

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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.

The Great Commandment

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**Keep His
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Love and worship the LORD

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.

The Great Commandment

Fear the LORD

Keep His
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Love and worship the LORD

Walk in all His ways

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.

The Great Commandment

Fear the LORD

**Keep His
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Love and worship the LORD

Walk in all His ways

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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Love and worship the LORD

Walk in all His ways

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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

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.
Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners
in the land of Egypt.

Love your neighbors!

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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.



Deuteronomy 10:14-15

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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.



God's Way

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Deuteronomy 10:17

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He is the only God

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He is the Almighty God

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He is the Sovereign King

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Because *He* cares for the
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He, therefore, You!

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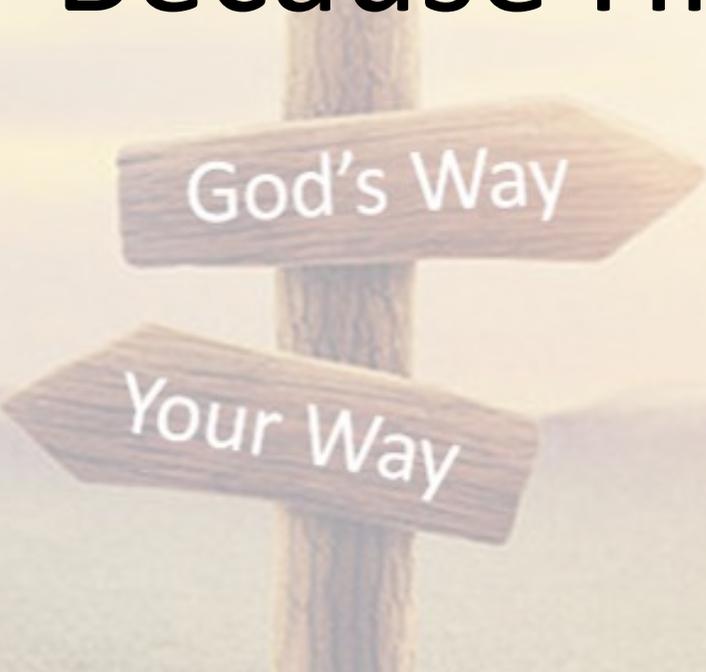
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How do we determine
the “good life”?

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.

He chose us!

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He loved us and adopted us!

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He has blessed us!

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What about us and the Gospel?

We are the helpless ones!

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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Colossians 2:11

In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision
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2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved,
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perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Our response!

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Cut away competing affections!

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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?