

“...that He might preserve us alive”

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-19

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

1. This section of Deuteronomy concerns the teaching of children by parents in order to develop an appreciation for their heritage.
 - A. This was especially important since they had NEVER been in bondage in Egypt. It is impossible for second and third generations to have the same perspective of struggle for truth as the first generation did.
 - B. All one can hope for is a measure of it and that respect for the struggle will be given. Before Israel could enter Canaan, they were reminded of the past. **They stood where they stood because of a previous generation.**
 - C. Many of us today stand where we stand because of others. We should be thankful for what we have.
 - D. Nevertheless, no matter what generation it is, there are still commandments and promises of God for all. Each generation must comply with the will of God.
 - E. The Bible has not changed and will not change.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

F. God is no respecter of persons.

Romans 2:10-11 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God.

- 1) **My children, grand children, & great-grand children, will all have to come to grip with the Bible the same way I do today!**
- 2) **By submission to it as the power of God unto salvation.**
Romans 1:16

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Commanded Us to Do All These Statutes

1. **Every definition assigned to the "statutes" point to an active response required by a given order.**
2. **It was well understood by Israel that this was required of them.**
 - A. **Look at the reaction **before** the law was given**
Exodus 19:1-8
 - B. **Look at the reaction **after** the law was given**

Exodus 24:3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

3. **Notice Psalm 119. Out of 176 verses, there are only a handful that DO NOT mention the appreciation for the law and an eagerness to obey it. **Oh, may that always be our attitude today!****

4. The New Testament also has statutes to be obeyed.

- A. Hear Jesus and do His sayings (Matt 7:24).
- B. Observe all that Jesus has commanded (Matt 28:20).
- C. Paul's writings are the commandments of the Lord (1 Cor 14:37).

5. God has never given a law that cannot be followed.

Romans 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

- A. The problem was that Israel didn't live by them!
Ezekiel 20:11-13
- B. We can obey God. His commandments are not hard.

1 John 5:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. **And His commandments are not burdensome.**

To Fear the Lord Our God

1. "Fear" is "respect, awe, reverence."
2. To see some Bible examples of this, let's look at the following Bible passages:
SEE CHART:
(Psalms 34:9; 86:11; 96:4; 112:1; Matt 10:28; Acts 10:2, 22, 34-35; Rev 14:7)
3. God is to be revered as the God of heaven and earth.
 - A. We must point out the fallacy of those who want to lower Him from His exalted position by presenting Him as our "buddy" or "Daddy." Such a concept smacks of irreverence.

For Our Good Always

1. **None of the statutes of God in any dispensation are harmful in any way!**

Proverbs 9:10-12 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your **days will be multiplied**, And years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

- A. **This is explained excellently by Paul:**
Romans 6:16-23

2. **God shows us the way to being pure, moral, upright, fair, kind, etc.**
 - A. **Who does this harm? No one!**

That He Might Preserve Us Alive

1. **In the Old Testament it referred to the physical**
Deuteronomy 4:1-4
2. **In the New Testament we would call attention to spiritual life**
culminating in eternal life

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it **more abundantly**

2 Peter 1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the **everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit **reap everlasting life**.

Conclusion

1. Obey His statutes.

2. Fear Him.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

3. It is all for our good.

4. Eternal life is the end result when we do!

A. Won't you do it today?

