

These are the Words
A Study of Deuteronomy

Take Heed to Yourself
Deuteronomy 4-5
Lesson 3

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Deuteronomy

- ▶ Past – Deuteronomy 1-4 – history
- ▶ Present – Deuteronomy 5-26 – Law/Covenant
- ▶ Future – Deuteronomy 27-34

The Next Generation

- ▶ Numbers 20-26, 31
- ▶ How can this nation endure?
- ▶ Elect and non-elect individuals
- ▶ How shall we live?

The Nation Israel

- ▶ A nation – real or typical?
 - It dominates the O.T. but is lost in the N.T.
 - Important for revelation and the pathway for the *Messiah*
 - Question: Is there a role for the nation Israel yet?
 - The Bible speaks of a future restoration for Israel
 - Is it literal or just a figure of the final victory for God's people
- ▶ Israel, the great nation – the Everlasting Covenant

Past – Deuteronomy 1-4

- ▶ Ready to enter the Promised Land
- ▶ Judges
- ▶ Unbelief at Kadesh
- ▶ Edom, Moab, Ammon – bypassed
- ▶ Sihon, Og – utterly destroyed
- ▶ 2½ tribes receive their inheritance

Lesson 3

- ▶ Moses summarizes the history lesson (4)
- ▶ 10 Commandments and Covenant at Horeb (5)
- ▶ How to live in the land (4:40; 26:16-19)

The distinctive for God's people (4:1-8)

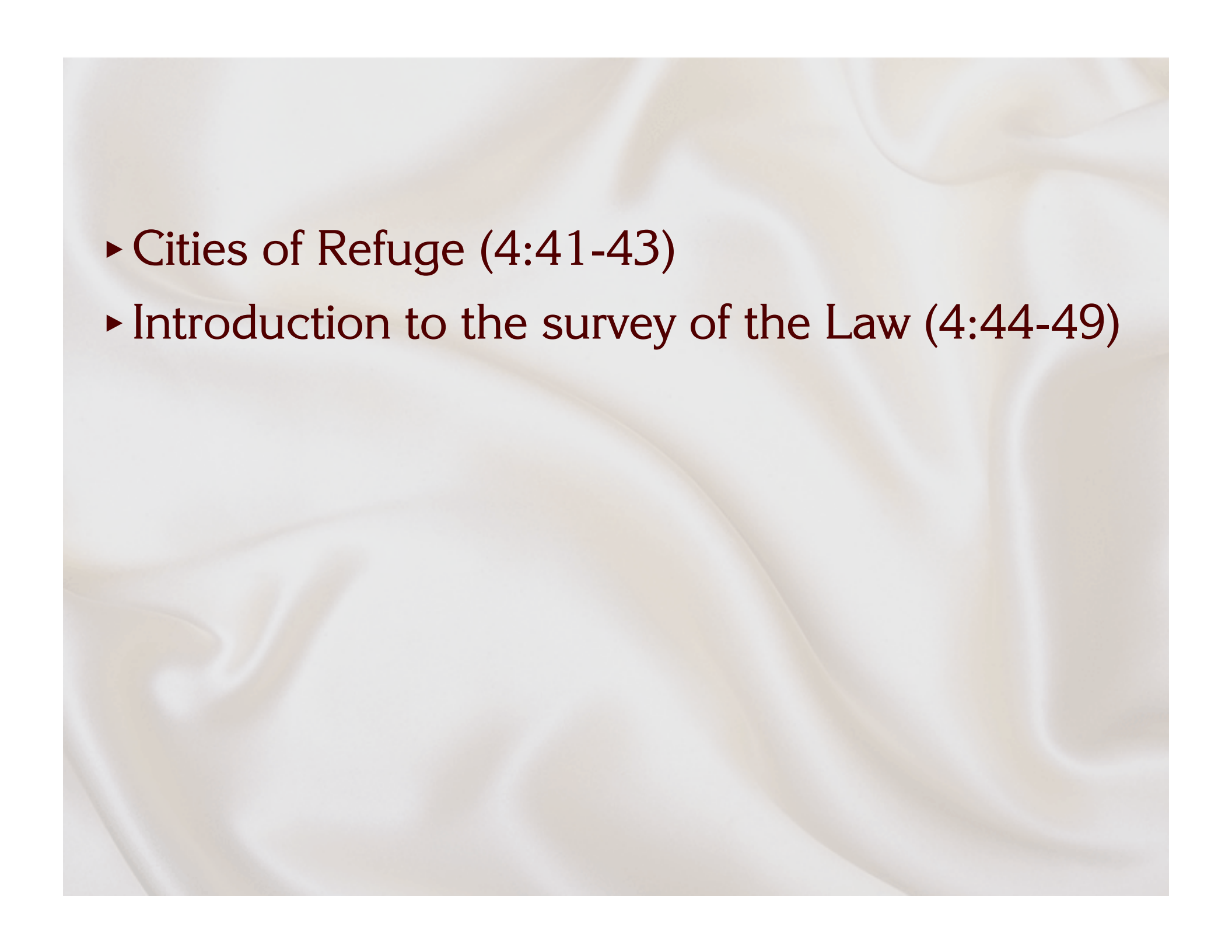
- ▶ Listen (v.1) . . . keep and do (v. 6)
- ▶ Statutes – decrees of God – God's order for life
- ▶ Judgments – standards
- ▶ No additions or subtractions
- ▶ Baal-peor – Numbers 25:1-3; 31:15-16
- ▶ The mark of God's people – the wisdom of God
- ▶ Shows God is near (1 Kings 10:23-24)
- ▶ Statutes and judgments are righteous

Give heed to yourself. Keep your soul. (4:9-24)

- ▶ Do not forget what you have seen with your eyes
- ▶ Teach them to your sons and grandsons
- ▶ Remember Horeb – heard words but saw no form
- ▶ Remember Moses – unbelief
- ▶ Watch yourself (4:23)
- ▶ The LORD your God is a consuming fire (4:24)

A look to the future (4:25-40)

- ▶ Rebellion and destruction (4:25-26)
- ▶ Return from exile (4:29)
- ▶ The compassion of God (4:31)
- ▶ The faithfulness of God (4:32-38)
- ▶ Know and take it to your heart (4:39-40)

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- ▶ Cities of Refuge (4:41-43)
 - ▶ Introduction to the survey of the Law (4:44-49)

Teaching the statutes and judgments

- ▶ A pastor ministers to his people
- ▶ Ten Commandments
- ▶ Summarized by two Great Commandments
- ▶ Duties to God
- ▶ Duties to man

The Covenant at Horeb (5:22-33)

- ▶ The 10 Commandments
 - Deuteronomy 4:12-13
 - Written on 2 tablets of stone (5:22)
- ▶ Response of the people – servile fear
- ▶ Mediator to protect from God
- ▶ Response: “We will obey!”

The response of God (4:28-33)

- ▶ The people have done well
- ▶ No heart to fear and keep His commandments
- ▶ The dilemma of Israel – 2 Covenants
 - The promise to destroy (4:25-26)
 - The promise not to destroy (4:31)

The Divine Solution

- ▶ The 10 commandments: exposes but does not fix
- ▶ Deut. 10:16 – circumcise your own heart
- ▶ Deut. 29:4 – not yet given a new heart
- ▶ Deut. 30:1-2 – obey with all your heart . . .
- ▶ Deut. 30:6 – a circumcised heart
- ▶ Ezekiel 36:26 – a new heart
- ▶ Jeremiah 31:31f – a new covenant

Final word (5:31-33)

- ▶ Teach commandments, statutes, judgments
- ▶ Faith comes by hearing . . . (Psalm 119:130)
- ▶ Observe commandments
- ▶ Walk in the way
- ▶ A personal message now – national later