These are the Words
A Study of Deuteronomy

Pollution Control
Deuteronomy 19-21
Lesson 10

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Deuteronomy

1. The Past – Deuteronomy 1-4
2. The Present – Deuteronomy 5-26
3. The Future – Deuteronomy 27-34
The Past – Deuteronomy 1-4

› Setting: Ready to enter the Promised Land (1:8)
› Purpose: One Nation under God (4:1-2)
› Their character: faithless (1:32)
› The character of God
   • God is a consuming fire, a jealous God (4:24)
   • God is a compassionate God – not fail, nor destroy, nor forget (4:31)
› A call to obey (4:39-40)
› Judges and cities of refuge (1:13; 4:41-43)
Present – part 1 (Deut. 5-11)

- The 10 Commandments and the Covenant
- The fatal flaw – no heart to fear and obey God (5:29)
- The core – Love God . . . (5:4-6)
- The promises – with Patriarchs (9:27)
- The ways of God – with Israel in the wilderness
- The ways of Israel – rebellion (e.g. the golden calf)
- The new old covenant – renewal of duty and promise
Present – part 2 (Deut. 12-26)

- Statutes and judgments to be obeyed
- An edited review from Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers
- Holiness (12-13)
- Worship – religious activities (14-16)
- Civil order – judges and kings (17)
- Prophetic ministry – a coming Prophet (18)
- Various laws (19-26)
Future (Deut. 27-34)

- 9 messages by Moses and the death of Moses
- Future rebellion and restoration
Pollution Control

- Numbers 35:33-34 – not pollute or defile the land
- Deuteronomy 21:23 – not defile the land
- The dwelling place of God
  - Exodus 29:45-46
  - Zechariah 2:10-13
Lesson 10: Pollution Control

- Cities of refuge (19:1-13)
- Boundary markers and false witnesses (19:14-21)
- Warfare (20:1-20)
- Unwitnessed murder (21:1-9)
- Captive woman (21:10-14)
- Unloved wife and the heir (21:15-17)
- Rebellious son (21:18-21)
- The curse of God (21:22-23)
Cities of refuge (19:1-13)

- Not shed innocent blood . . . blood guiltiness (19:10)
- Num 35:33 – blood pollutes the land – requires the killer’s death
- Traumatic death by intent or accident – manslaughter or murder
- Example of manslaughter – axe head falls off (19:5)
- Brings guilt upon the land/nation
- Avenger of blood – Literally: Redeemer of the blood
- Death of killer “expiates” (cover over, atone) the land
- Substitute – death of high priest
- Death pollutes – the innocent or the guilty
- Death atones – the innocent or the guilty
The death of Abel (Genesis 4:10-15)

- He was a child of God by faith (Heb 11:4) – innocent
- He was killed by his brother – first to taste death
- What was his blood crying to God?
  - Revenge?
  - Justice?
  - Deliverance from the curse?
- Cain did not die for this sin . . . No atonement!
- Luke 11:51 – from the blood of Abel to Zechariah
The death of Christ (Hebrews 12:24)

- His blood speaks better than the blood of Abel
- Job 16:18 (Job 19:25-29)
- Jeremiah 50:33-34
- Psalm 44:22-26
- Rom 8:36-39
- Revelation 6:9-11
- Christ’s blood removes the pollution of sin once for all
Landmarks and witnesses (19:14-21)

- Marks out family inheritance
- Curse for removing landmark (Deuteronomy 27:17)
- No single witness
- False witness receives the penalty
Rules for warfare (20)

- Trust in the LORD (20:1-9)
- A distant city (20:10-15) – offer peace
- A near city (20:16-18) – total destruction
- Do not cut down the trees
Unwitnessed murder (21:1-9)

- Unsolved murder in the open country
- Ritual defined:
  - Death appears to be a result of violence
  - Nearest city
  - Unused heifer sacrificed over springwater
  - Levites officiate
  - Elders of the city deny knowledge
  - A call for forgiveness
- An appeal to the LORD Redeemer
- Bloodguiltiness removed from the nation
- Doing what is right in the eyes of the LORD
A woman captive (21:10-14)

- Would usually be taken as a slave
- Taken as a wife
- May not be made a slave again
Unloved wife and the heir (21:15-17)
Rebellious son (21:18-21)
The curse of God (21:22-23)
The Scriptures teach of Christ

- The cities of refuge – pollution of the curse
- The Redeemer of the blood
- The curse of God
- One sacrifice, once for all (Hebrews 10:12)