These are the Words
A Study of Deuteronomy

The Law Written on the Altar
Deuteronomy 26:16-27:26
Lesson 13

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“What must I do to be saved?”

- Paul (Acts 20:21) – Repentance and faith
- Jesus (Luke 18:22) – Give away all and follow Me
Salvation under the Law

- Romans 4:1-4 – by faith without works
- Romans 4:14 – Law nullifies the Promise
- Galatians 2:21 – Law makes Christ needless
- Galatians 3:22 – Law shuts up in sin – no hope
- Galatians 3:24 – Law is a schoolmaster
What does the Schoolmaster teach?

- Salvation not possible under the Law
- Schoolmaster is not Savior
- The Law was given to the Nation Israel
- The Law: rules and promise
- The Law: curses/penalty and blessing/reward
- The blessing: Deut. 4:25-27; 5:31-33; 30:15-20
- No blessing through the Law
What does the Schoolmaster teach?

- The Law – broken from the beginning (Deut 9)
- No rescue from divorce (Deut 24:1-4)
- No man can die for his son (Deut 24:16)
- No sacrifice for mortal sin (Psalm 51:16)
- No exception – not even Moses or David
The “Schoolmaster” taught hope

- Salvation by substitution – the sacrificial system
- A coming Prophet (Deut. 18:18)
- A work of regeneration – a new heart (Deut. 30:6)
- A work of atonement (Deut. 32:43)
- Blessing was by Promise – to Patriarchs
- Justification by faith – God is and He is a Rewarder
Israel and the Church

- Israel is not the Church of Jesus Christ
- Israel is not a picture of the Church in the N.T.
- Israel is an unbelieving nation
- Israel is an unbelievably blessed nation
The Law reveals the glory of God

- A revelation of God – holy, good, righteous . . .
- The faithfulness of God
- The ways of God
- A glory to be exceeded by Christ’s coming
  • 2 Corinthians 3:7-11
Deuteronomy

- The grace of God and a faithless nation (1-4)
- The statutes and judgments (5-26)
- The future of a nation under the curse of God (27-34)
The Law Written on the Altar
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▶ The final word on statutes and judgments (26:16-19)
▶ The Law written on the altar (27:1-10)
▶ The curses and blessings (27:11-26)
Statutes and Judgments (26:16-19)

- Obey these statutes and judgments (12:1; 26:16)
- With “all your heart and all your soul” (11:13; 26:16)
- The nation declares . . . (26:17)
- The LORD declares . . . (26:18-19)
- The weakness of the flesh and the power of God (Romans 8:3-4)
- The vow of man and the vow of God
The Law written on the Altar (27:1-10)

› The statutes and judgments
  • Deut 11:26-32 – introduced with curse and blessing
  • Deut 27:12-13 – followed with curse and blessing

› Mount Ebal

› The altar
  – Ex 20:24-25 – rules for making an altar
  – Joshua 8:30-35

› Two sacrifices
  – Burnt offerings – sin offering
  – Peace offering – fellowship
  – Cannot do what is needed – take away sin (Heb 10:4)

› A monument to the Law of Moses
A lesson from Moses and the Levites

- A people for the LORD your God
- You shall obey His commandments and statutes
- Curses and blessings – penalty and reward
  - Blessings from Mount Gerizim – Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, Benjamin
  - Curses from Mt. Ebal – Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali
Curses (27:15-26)

- Secret sins (27:15, 24)
- Idolatry
- Dishonor father and mother
- Move neighbor’s boundary
- Misleads a blind person
- Distorts justice to alien, orphan and widow
- Sexual perversions
- Strikes neighbor in secret
- Accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person
Curses (27:15-26)

- Must do all the words of this Law
- Jeremiah 11:3-5 – curse prevents blessing
- Galatians 3:10-14 – the result of the Law
- Ezekiel 22:1-12 – curse is due
The curse is the blessing of the Law

- The clear message of the Law – accursed by God
- The equally clear message of the Law – blessed by God
- Romans 7:7, 24 “Who will set me free?”
- Matthew 11:28-29 “Come to Me . . . and I will give you rest.”