

**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**

## **Deuteronomy 26:16-27:26**

- ▶ 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.”