

These are the Words
A Study of Deuteronomy

He Will Provide Atonement
Deuteronomy 31:14-32:47
Lesson 16

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Deuteronomy

- ▶ The “Second Law” and the doctrine of salvation
 - The promise of God to bless His creation and the human race
 - The place of the nation Israel
 - The condemnation of all men
 - The new birth
 - The truth of justification by faith
 - The atoning sacrifice that brings redemption to God’s creation
 - Lessons on holiness

Law and Grace

- ▶ John 1:17 “For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”
- ▶ Grace grows best in winter (Margaret Clarkson)
- ▶ Grace grows best in wrath
- ▶ Is there grace in the Mosaic Law?
 - The Law exposes sin and condemns
 - Animal sacrifices cannot remove sins
 - No sacrifices for some sins (Ps. 51:16)
 - The Land itself is contaminated
 - No man can die for another (Deut. 24:16)
- ▶ The Law proclaims grace but does not permit it

Law and Christ

- ▶ Jesus taught that *Moses taught of Him* (Luke 24:27)
- ▶ As the O.T. is full of Jesus Christ, it is also of grace
- ▶ Grace by definition comes outside of the Law
- ▶ Grace triumphs over the Law

Moses Teaches the Nation

- ▶ Deut. 1-4 – Why were they there?
 - The promise to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (1:8)
 - Despite their rebellion and weakness
 - The faithfulness of the LORD
 - To learn of the greatness of the LORD (4:39)
 - To live righteously in the Land (4:40)
- ▶ Deut. 5-26 – How should they live?
 - The Mosaic Covenant (5-11)
 - The statutes and laws (12-26)

Moses Teaches the Nation

- ▶ Deut. 27-34 – What will happen?
 - The effect of the Law: blessings or curses
 - A call to obey
 - A prediction of rebellion, wrath and restoration
 - A prediction of restoration by grace through faith
 - Regeneration – sovereign grace (30:6-8)
 - Righteousness by faith (30:11-14; Romans 10:6-11)
 - A call to trust in the LORD (31:6)

Lesson 16: He will provide atonement

- ▶ The LORD speaks to Moses (31:14-22)
- ▶ Moses prepares for his departure (31:23-30)
- ▶ The Song of Moses (32:1-43)
- ▶ An exhortation (32:44-47)

The LORD speaks to Moses (31:14-22)

- ▶ Moses and Joshua at the Tent of Meeting
- ▶ The LORD in and at the Tent – pillar of cloud
- ▶ The future rebellion of Israel (31:16-18)
 - National prostitution
 - Forsake Me and break My Covenant
- ▶ Anger of God
 - Forsaken by God and consumed by many evils and troubles.
 - They will recognize it is because God is not among them – yet future
- ▶ Song presented
 - For yourselves – worship of God
 - Evangelistic
- ▶ Song written by Moses

Moses prepares to depart (31:23-30)

- ▶ Joshua commissioned by the LORD
 - Be strong and courageous (31:6; 32:23; Joshua 1:7, 9)
 - “I will be with you.”
- ▶ Levites commanded
 - Book of the Law beside the ark
 - A warning to the nation about their continued rebellion
 - A call to assemble the leaders to hear the Song

The Song of Moses (Deut. 32)

- ▶ A universal message (32:1-2)
- ▶ The purpose of God (32:3-4)
- ▶ Proclaim the Name of the LORD
 - Phil 3:8-11; John 17:3, 6
 - His essence – His glory
 - Greatness
 - Rock - a strong fortress – Israel's Rock (32:31)
 - Perfect works
 - Just ways
 - Faithful and just
 - Righteous and upright

The LORD's Work (32:5-14)

- ▶ A corrupt, perverse, crooked, foolish, unwise people
- ▶ He bought, made, established
- ▶ He separated Israel from the nations for His inheritance
- ▶ Found him in the desert
- ▶ Encircled and guarded, guided, elevated
- ▶ They are a display of the character of God

The LORD'S People (32:15-18)

- ▶ The people to display the LORD, remain wicked
- ▶ Divine prosperity received but . . .
 - Forsook and scorned God
 - Adulterous with lesser gods
 - Neglect their Rock; the God Who begot them
- ▶ An affront to the character of God

The LORD'S Wrath (32:19-33)

- ▶ “His work is perfect . . . righteous and upright is He”
- ▶ He spurned them and withdrew from them
- ▶ He will hide my face from them (“my inheritance”)
- ▶ Provoke them to jealousy with those not a people – (Rom 10:19)
- ▶ He will heap misfortune on them
- ▶ Remove memory of them from the earth (v.26)?

The Enemies Boast (32:27-33)

- ▶ The enemies boast against the LORD
 - Deut 9:25-29; Ex 32:7-14; Ezekiel 20:14
- ▶ They are ignorant and do not recognize that their victory is of God (32:30)
- ▶ The enemies are from Sodom and Gomorrah
- ▶ The Name of the LORD blasphemed

The LORD'S Perfect Work (32:34-43)

- ▶ In due time . . . wrath upon the nations will come
- ▶ The LORD will vindicate His people
 - Compassion on His servants
 - Taunting of the rebellious ones
- ▶ He proclaims His Name (32:39-40)
- ▶ Vengeance with justice
- ▶ Rejoice
 - The LORD will avenge the blood of His servants
 - The LORD will render vengeance on His adversaries
 - The LORD will atone for His land and His people

A Song of Joy

- ▶ It is a Song of Life – a revelation of the LORD
- ▶ It is a Christmas Song – the atoning Sacrifice
- ▶ It is a Final Song – Revelation 15:3-4