

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 24 – Reminders Of The Past Through Instructions To Fully Obey God (Deuteronomy 1-6)

1. We know that God is ultimately the author of all Scriptures (II Timothy 3:16-17; cf. Deuteronomy 1:3). Aside from God being the source, who is the main human author of the book of Deuteronomy?
 - Moses (**Deuteronomy 1:1; 31:9; 31:24-27**).
2. Were the words written in the book of Deuteronomy spoken unto the children of Israel before or after they entered into the land of Canaan?
 - Before (**Deuteronomy 1:1; 5**). We also know this for sure because Moses did not enter into the land of Canaan (**Deuteronomy 4:22; 34:4-6**).
3. How many years had the children of Israel been in the wilderness when God decided it had been enough time?
 - 40 (**Deuteronomy 1:3; 6**).
4. In the past, who was chosen to help Moses lead Israel?
 - Chief wise and understanding men of the tribes (**Deuteronomy 1:12-15**).
5. In Moses' review of the past he reminded Israel why they hadn't yet entered the land promised to them (Deuteronomy 1:19-46). Which of the following are true or false in this context:
 - a. Israel rebelled against God. **True** or False Scripture: (**Deuteronomy 1:26; 43**).
 - b. Israel believed in God. True or **False** Scripture: (**Deuteronomy 1:32**).
 - c. The Lord was angry with Israel. **True** or False Scripture: (**Deuteronomy 1:34; 37**).
 - d. Israel destroyed the Amorites. True or **False** Scripture: (**Deuteronomy 1:42-45**).
6. Why were the children of Israel instructed not to meddle with the children of Esau?
 - *“And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession. Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing”* (**Deuteronomy 2:4-7**).
7. Why were the children of Israel expected to leave the Moabites and the children of Ammon alone?
 - *“And the Lord said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession... And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession”* (**Deuteronomy 2:9; 19**).

8. How was God going to make the other nations dread the children of Israel?
- Through delivering Sihon the Amorite, king of Hsebon, and his land into the hands of the Israelites (**Deuteronomy 2:24-25**). Sihon was the king that would not allow the children of Israel peaceful passage through his land (**Deuteronomy 2:30-33**). So, God destroyed them through the hands of the children of Israel (**Deuteronomy 2:34-36**).
9. When the children of Israel defeated Sihon's armies and Og's armies, did they spare the lives of the women and children?
- No, they did as God expected (**Deuteronomy 2:34; 3:6**).
10. How long were the Reubenites and the Gadites expected to fight alongside the rest of the tribes of Israel before going back to their wives, children, and cattle?
- *"But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (for I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you; Until the Lord have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which the Lord your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you"* (**Deuteronomy 3:19-20**).
11. Did God reconsider allowing Moses to enter into the land of Canaan once Moses pleaded with Him?
- No, Moses would die and Joshua would lead the people (**Deuteronomy 3:24-29**).
12. What would the children of Israel have to do to live and go in to possess the land which God promised them?
- Obey the instructions given to them by God through Moses (**Deuteronomy 4:1**).
13. Could the children of Israel change the word of God as time went on?
- NO, (**Deuteronomy 4:2**)!
14. What were the children of Israel expected to teach their children?
- *"And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children"* (**Deuteronomy 4:8-10; cf. 6:7**).
15. Did Moses instruct the children of Israel not to worship idols, stars, and moons?
- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 4:15-19**).
16. Were the children of Israel warned against angering God?
- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 4:23-28**).

17. To be restored to God, could the children of Israel seek Him half heartedly?

- No, (**Deuteronomy 4:29**).

18. As Moses reminded the children of Israel of the commandments of God, what did he tell them about their response to those commandments?

- *“And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die. For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it”* (**Deuteronomy 5:23-27**).

19. How did God respond to the words of the children of Israel?

- *“And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! Go say to them, Get you into your tents again. But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess”* (**Deuteronomy 5:28-33**).

20. Where were the children of Israel expected to keep the words which Moses commanded them?

- In their hearts, among their children, between their eyes [minds], the post of their houses, and upon their gates (**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**).

21. Were the children of Israel warned against forgetting the Lord once they began to prosper?

- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 6:10-12**).

22. How many of God’s commands were the children of Israel expected to keep?

- All of them (**Deuteronomy 6:25**).
- In so keeping all of God’s commands, the Lord would be with them to protect them and bless them (**Deuteronomy 6:17-24**).