

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 28 – Dealing With Disputes Through Viewing Things Not Revealed (Deuteronomy 25-29)

1. How was controversy [disputes] to be settled between men?
 - *“If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number. Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee”*
(Deuteronomy 25:1-3).
 - This helps us to understand why Paul was beaten with 39 stripes, five times (**II Corinthians 11:24**).
2. Should an ox be permitted to eat of the corn he is treading?
 - Yes, (**Deuteronomy 25:4**; cf. **I Corinthians 9:9-14** and **I Timothy 5:17-18**).
3. If brethren dwell together and one of them die having no child with his wife; was the brother who refused to carry on his brother’s seed looked upon respectfully?
 - No, his dead brother’s wife would take off his shoe and spit in his face. His name would bear that throughout the house of Israel (**Deuteronomy 25:5-10**).
4. Would a woman who helped deliver her husband from a fight with another man by grabbing that man by the secrets [genitals] be punished?
 - Yes, she’d have her hand cut off and no could pity her (**Deuteronomy 25:11-12**).
5. Did the Lord require Israel to have accurate and honest weights and measures?
 - Yes, their trading was to be done honestly (**Deuteronomy 25:13-16**; cf. **Proverbs 20:10; 23**).
6. Why would Amalek have his inheritance blotted out by the children of Israel?
 - *“Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it”*
(Deuteronomy 25:17-19; cf. I Samuel 15).
7. Did God expect the firstfruits or the leftovers when offerings were made unto Him?
 - The firstfruits (**Deuteronomy 26:2; 10**).
8. What was avouched [vowed] between Israel and God?
 - *“This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep*

his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken” (Deuteronomy 26:16-19).

9. What did Moses, the elders, the priests, and the Levites tell Israel to do?

- “And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister: And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee. Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister. And there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord thy God: And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the Lord thy God. And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly. And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day” (Deuteronomy 27:1-10; cf. Joshua 8:32).

10. For what causes would the children of Israel be cursed for?

- The following are found in **Deuteronomy 27:15-26**:
 - ✓ Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.
 - ✓ Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

- ✓ Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.
- ✓ Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.
- ✓ Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.
- ✓ Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

11. Would the children of Israel be blessed if they obeyed all of God's commandments?

- Yes, they'd be blessed greatly if they did not depart from His word to the right or left (**Deuteronomy 28:1-14**).

12. List seven things God would do to punish Israel for their disobedience?

- They'd suffer greatly for disobedience and God went into great detail to spell out their punishments for disobedience (**Deuteronomy 28:15-68**).
 - 16. Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.
 - 17. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.
 - 18. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
 - 19. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.
 - 20. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.
 - 21. The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.
 - 22. The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.
 - 23. And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.
 - 24. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.
 - 25. The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.
 - 26. And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.
 - 27. The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.
 - 28. The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:
 - 29. And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

- 30. Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.
- 31. Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.
- 32. Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand.
- 33. The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:
- 34. So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.
- 35. The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.
- 36. The Lord shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.
- 37. And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee.
- 38. Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.
- 39. Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.
- 40. Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.
- 41. Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.
- 42. All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.
- 43. The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.
- 44. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.
- 45. Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:
- 46. And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.
- 47. Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;
- 48. Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.
- 49. The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

- 50. A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:
- 51. And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.
- 52. And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee.
- 53. And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:
- 54. So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:
- 55. So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.
- 56. The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,
- 57. And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.
- 58. If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, The Lord Thy God;
- 59. Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.
- 60. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.
- 61. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.
- 62. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord thy God.
- 63. And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.
- 64. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

- 65. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:
- 66. And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:
- 67. In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.
- 68. And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

13. In the great wonders Israel saw, did Israel have an understanding of the great things God had done?

- In all the things done in Egypt and since then, they still have not learned (**Deuteronomy 29:4**). They must therefore look back on these things and obey the Lord (**Deuteronomy 29:1-9**).

14. Will the Lord spare the one who decides to turn his heart away from God?

- No, (**Deuteronomy 29:16-23**).

15. What would the surrounding nations say if Israel is taken from their land because of disobedience to God?

- *“Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt: For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them: And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book: And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day”* (**Deuteronomy 29:24-28**).

16. What should even we realize about the things God chooses not to reveal unto us?

- They belong to Him and are not for us to know (**Deuteronomy 29:29**).