



Deuteronomy Chapters 9 and 10

The Circumcision of The Heart

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for joining us for the continuation of our study into the book of Deuteronomy this evening. And before we get started here this evening, I'd like to mention the fact that last week's study into Deuteronomy chapter 8 concerning the importance of remembering Yehovah has everything to do with Deuteronomy chapters nine and 10 that concluded with the circumcision of the heart. And will talk more about that circumcision of the heart as we move forward throughout our study here this evening.

But as we examine Deuteronomy chapter 9, we are going to see Moses reminding the house of Israel why it is that Yehovah is leading them into the promised land. And the reason that Yehovah God is leading the house of Israel into the promised land once again... is not because of their righteousness.

And I know that we have studied this particular topic in the past during our study of the book of Deuteronomy, but it bears mentioning again according to Moses. And I believe that it bears mentioning again not just for the house of Israel back in Moses' day... but also for the house of Israel today in our time who we have been grafted into if we are true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross-bearing Christians.

There should be no doubt in our minds that the reason that salvation has been extended to us... Is not because we are a righteous people. We have

not been given the hope of salvation because we are righteous. In fact... Just the opposite! And in order to understand this concept properly... let's turn to Deuteronomy chapter 9 and let's read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Deuteronomy Chapter 9 E1**

Not Because of Righteousness

Deu 9:1 "Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven,

Deu 9:2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'

Deu 9:3 Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

Deu 9:4 "Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you.

Deu 9:5 Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Deu 9:6 "Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

Deu 9:7 Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

Deu 9:8 Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that he was ready to destroy you.

Deu 9:9 When I went up the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the LORD made with you, I remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.

Deu 9:10 And the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words that the LORD had spoken

with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

Deu 9:11 And at the end of forty days and forty nights the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

Deu 9:12 Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought from Egypt have acted corruptly. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them; they have made themselves a metal image.'

The Golden Calf

Deu 9:13 "Furthermore, the LORD said to me, 'I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people.'

Deu 9:14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

Deu 9:15 So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire. And the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

Deu 9:16 And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God. You had made yourselves a golden calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way that the LORD had commanded you.

Deu 9:17 So I took hold of the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes.

Deu 9:18 Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin that you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger.

Deu 9:19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure that the LORD bore against you, so that he was ready to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me that time also.

Deu 9:20 And the LORD was so angry with Aaron that he was ready to destroy him. And I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.

Deu 9:21 Then I took the sinful thing, the calf that you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust. And I threw the dust of it into the brook that ran down from the mountain.

Deu 9:22 "At Taberah also, and at Massah and at Kibroth-hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath.

Deu 9:23 And when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Go up and take possession of the land that I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God and did not believe him or obey his voice.

Deu 9:24 You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

Deu 9:25 "So I lay prostrate before the LORD for these forty days and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

Deu 9:26 And I prayed to the LORD, 'O Lord GOD, do not destroy your people and your heritage, whom you have redeemed through your greatness, whom you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Deu 9:27 Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not regard the stubbornness of this people, or their wickedness or their sin,

Deu 9:28 lest the land from which you brought us say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land that he promised them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness."

Deu 9:29 For they are your people and your heritage, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.'

The very first thing that we hear from Moses is that Yehovah is not leading the house of Israel into the promised land because they are a righteous people. And it's important that we grasp Deuteronomy chapter 9 verse four where it is written that it is because of the wickedness of these nations that Yehovah is driving them out before the house of Israel. And I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment.

We see Yehovah our Father in heaven grafting the Gentiles into the house of Israel clear back in the book of Exodus chapter 12 and again in Numbers chapter 15. And therefore, we know that the Gentiles were already being grafted into the house of Israel. If these other nations who were already in the land had been worthy of being grafted into the house of Israel... there would have been no need for the house of Israel to wipe them off the face of the map.

And therefore, just as Moses tells us in Deuteronomy chapter 9 verse four... it is because of the wickedness of these nations that Yehovah was driving them out before the house of Israel. It was not because the house of Israel was a righteous people or because they even deserved such a blessing.

There are two reasons why Yehovah was wiping out these nations in order for the house of Israel to take possession of that land. And we see those two reasons listed right here in **Deuteronomy chapter 9 verses four and five (scrn 1)**

Deu 9:4 “Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you.

Deu 9:5 Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.



Once again, the two reasons given for wiping these nations out were number one... these nations were wicked. And number two... Yehovah was confirming the promise that he had made to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And it was because of these two reasons that Yehovah was dispossessing these nations and driving them out before the house of Israel so that the house of Israel would be blessed with this land of milk and honey.

But what is just as equally important to understand is that Moses is not just talking to the house of Israel in his time. Moses is also speaking to the house of Israel that we have been grafted into... in our time.

We are also a wretched and stiffnecked people today in our time. The only reason that we have been given the hope of salvation is because our

Passover lamb was beaten and whipped and scourged and crushed by Yehovah for the propitiation of our wickedness. He who knew no sin took upon himself the sins of the world so that... we as a wretched and stiffnecked people could be accepted in the eyes of Yehovah as being one with that sacrificial Passover lamb who has made atonement for the sins and transgressions of a wretched and stiffnecked people. And this must always be remembered.

You see, there really is no difference once again between the house of Israel and its golden calf... and the house of Israel today and our golden calf's.

I would contend that each one of us has at one time or another built for ourselves a golden calf that we have put before our Father in heaven. A belief system or a theory or a theology or a philosophical understanding that was not of Yehovah God. How many of us have worshiped before the golden calf of a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath created by the Pope of Rome? How many of us have worshiped before the golden calf of Good Friday or the golden calf of a pagan Easter Sunday, or the golden calf of a Roman Catholic created Christ-mass full of the divination of flying reindeer and Krampus elves and an immortal toy God that comes out of the fireplace. My friends, if the Roman Catholic created Santa Claus is not the quintessential golden calf of our time... then I don't know what is.

The point is, that we also have built for ourselves all kinds of golden calves. And the devil's Christian army still worships that golden calf to this very day. And this is exactly why the protective hand of Yehovah is beginning to leave not only the great United States... but the rest of the nations of the world as well including but not limited to... Israel who will indeed suffer greatly because of her golden calves that have been created by the Babylonian Rabbis who have come up out of Babylon.

You see, a golden calf is nothing more than a fake god. A fake belief system. A fake religion. And this is exactly what our Messiah calls us out

of in the 18th chapter of the book of Revelation (scrn 2)

Rev 18:4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

Rev 18:5 for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.



What is this voice from heaven calling the people of Yehovah God out of?

I would contend that this voice from heaven is calling the people of Yehovah God out of and away from the golden calf that represents a false religion, a false belief system, a false theology, and false denominational dogmas which qualifies these things as... a false gods (which equates to a golden calf).

You see, the devil has been using this golden calf for centuries. And because man never remembers his own history, the next generation then becomes woefully ignorant of how powerful this golden calf actually is when it comes to leading Yehovah God's people astray.

But make no mistake about it, if we do not come out of this golden calf, we will take part in her sins and we will share in her plagues. For her sins are indeed heaped as high as heaven and Yehovah God has

remembered her lawlessness.

And this is the danger that we face as modern-day Christians today. You see, we are no different from the house of Israel during the days of Moses. And this is exactly why the words of Moses are so vitally important to a true Christian today in our time. And what is also vitally important to see here in Deuteronomy chapter 9 is that Yehovah God found this golden calf so repugnant to him that he was ready to destroy the house of Israel and start over again with Moses. **(scrn 3 show only)**

Deu 9:13 “Furthermore, the LORD said to me, ‘I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stubborn people.

Deu 9:14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.’



And you can find that in Deuteronomy chapter 9 verse 14 where Yehovah tells Moses and I quote, “Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you Moses a nation mightier and greater than they.” **(scrn 4 show only)**

Deu 9:18 Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin that you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke him to anger

Deu 9:19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure that the LORD bore against you, so that he was ready to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me that time also.



But just as Moses tells us in Deuteronomy chapter 9 verse 18, Moses as our mediator between God and man laid prostrate before Yehovah for 40 days and 40 nights and he neither ate bread nor drank water because of all the sin that the house of Israel had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of Yehovah to provoke him to anger.

And this laying prostrate before Yehovah and not eating or drinking for 40 days can be directly paralleled to our Messiah who was also obedient to our Father in heaven which can be seen as laying prostrate before him while he also did not eat or drink for 40 days before doing battle with the devil. Let's now turn to **Matthew chapter 4 verses one through 11; E2**

The Temptation of Jesus

Mat 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Mat 4:2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Mat 4:3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

Mat 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Mat 4:5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple

Mat 4:6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Mat 4:7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

Mat 4:9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Mat 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Mat 4:11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Just as Moses had engaged in warfare with the devil when he pleaded with Yehovah God not to destroy the house of Israel because of their wickedness, our Messiah was also engaged in warfare with the devil so that God's people would not be destroyed... which once again qualifies our Messiah to be our Messiah according to **Deuteronomy chapter 18 E3**

A New Prophet like Moses

Deu 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Deu 18:16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deu 18:19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

And as we have said so many times before... these qualifiers are exactly

what qualifies our Messiah to be the Messiah... the anointed one of Yehovah the descendant of David his faithful servant was indeed likened unto Moses.

Keeping all of this in mind... let's now move into Deuteronomy chapter 10 and see let's see what else Moses reminds the House of Israel about.

Deuteronomy chapter 10: E4

New Tablets of Stone

Deu 10:1 "At that time the LORD said to me, 'Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood.

Deu 10:2 And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.'

Deu 10:3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.

Deu 10:4 And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, **the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.** And the LORD gave them to me.

Deu 10:5 Then I turned and came down from the mountain **and put the tablets in the ark** that I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me."

Deu 10:6 (The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place.

Deu 10:7 From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with brooks of water.

Deu 10:8 **At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD to stand before the LORD to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day.**

Deu 10:9 **Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers.** The LORD is his inheritance, as the LORD your God said to him.)

Deu 10:10 **"I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD listened to me that time also. The LORD was unwilling to destroy you.**

Deu 10:11 And the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.'

Circumcise Your Heart

Deu 10:12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deu 10:13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?

Deu 10:14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

Deu 10:15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

Deu 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Deu 10:17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

Deu 10:18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

Deu 10:19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Deu 10:20 You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

Deu 10:21 He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

Deu 10:22 Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

During the first 10 verses of Deuteronomy chapter 10 Moses reminds the house of Israel that he had to return to the mountain of Yehovah with two empty tablets of stone and an ark or a wooden box that Moses was commanded to make for the two tablets of stone.

And Moses reminds the house of Israel of all that he had to do a second time because of the disobedience of the house of Israel. This brings us down to Deuteronomy chapter 10 verses 12 through 22 which has everything to do with the circumcision of not the flesh... but the circumcision of the heart.

And the first thing that I would like for us to notice is that the

circumcision of the heart did not in any way erase or nullify the commandment that required the circumcision of the flesh. And this is important to make note of. The apostate church today trades the circumcision of the heart for the circumcision of the flesh but this was never the case from the very beginning. And we have several Scriptural teachings on this biblical fact and exactly what the Apostle Paul said and did not say and what the Apostle Paul did and did not do concerning circumcision at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com that are once again free to anyone seeking the truth of Scripture and Scripture alone.

The apostate church today loves to once again teach and preach two different laws. One for the Jew and one for the Gentile. But this was never what Yehovah God had ever commanded from the very beginning. Once again, I'd like for us to re-examine **Exodus chapter 12 (scrn 5)**

Exo 12:48 If a (Gentile) stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the (Gentile) stranger who sojourns among you.”



This has always been the commandment of Yehovah the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There have never been two different laws one for the Jew and one for the Gentile. Just as we are told here in Exodus chapter 12 verse 49, the Gentile stranger was commanded to do

exactly as the native Israelite was commanded to do. And by doing so, the Gentile stranger would be seen in the eyes of Yehovah as a native of the land. And just as we see here in Exodus chapter 12 verse 49, there was to be one law for both the native-born Israelite and for the Gentile stranger who traveled with them.

Now... my friends on one side of the fence you have the Babylonian rabbis adding to the word of God and taking away from the word of God by proclaiming their despotic Noah hide law which once again is nothing short of a golden calf. And on the other side of the fence, you have the Christians and their Pope now proclaiming that the law of God is not only dead but that it's a curse once again... proclaiming one law for the Jew and another separate law for the Gentile which is nothing more than another golden calf, a fake man-made theology that has been chalked full of man's philosophical nonsense.

You see the devil himself has entered into both camps. And both camps are guilty of adding to God's word and taking away from God's word which is once again a sin that leads us right back into the bondage of sin which is according to first John chapter 3 verse four... the transgression of the law. **(scrn 6)**

Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

Deu 12:32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it



I tell you the truth my friends, there is no difference between this sin and any other sin. When we play fast and loose with the spoken word of Yehovah, we become those who have trampled underfoot the son of God and have profaned the blood of the covenant by which we have been sanctified and we have literally outraged the spirit of grace! **Hebrews chapter 10 verses 26 through 29 (scrn 7)**

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?



Second Peter chapter 2 verses 20 through 22 (scrn 8)

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2Pe 2:21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2Pe 2:22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."



Revelation chapter 11 verses 19 through 22 (scrn 9)

Rom 11:19 Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.”

Rom 11:20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

Rom 11:21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

Rom 11:22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.



You see, the once saved always saved doctrine of demons that has been established and purported and sold as the truth is nothing more than snake oil that has been manufactured by the demonically inspired doctrines of men. And it is indeed the devilish doctrines of men that have kept Yehovah God’s people away from Yehovah from the very beginning! **Matthew chapter 15 verses seven through nine (scrn 10)**

Mat 15:7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

Mat 15:8 “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mat 15:9 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”



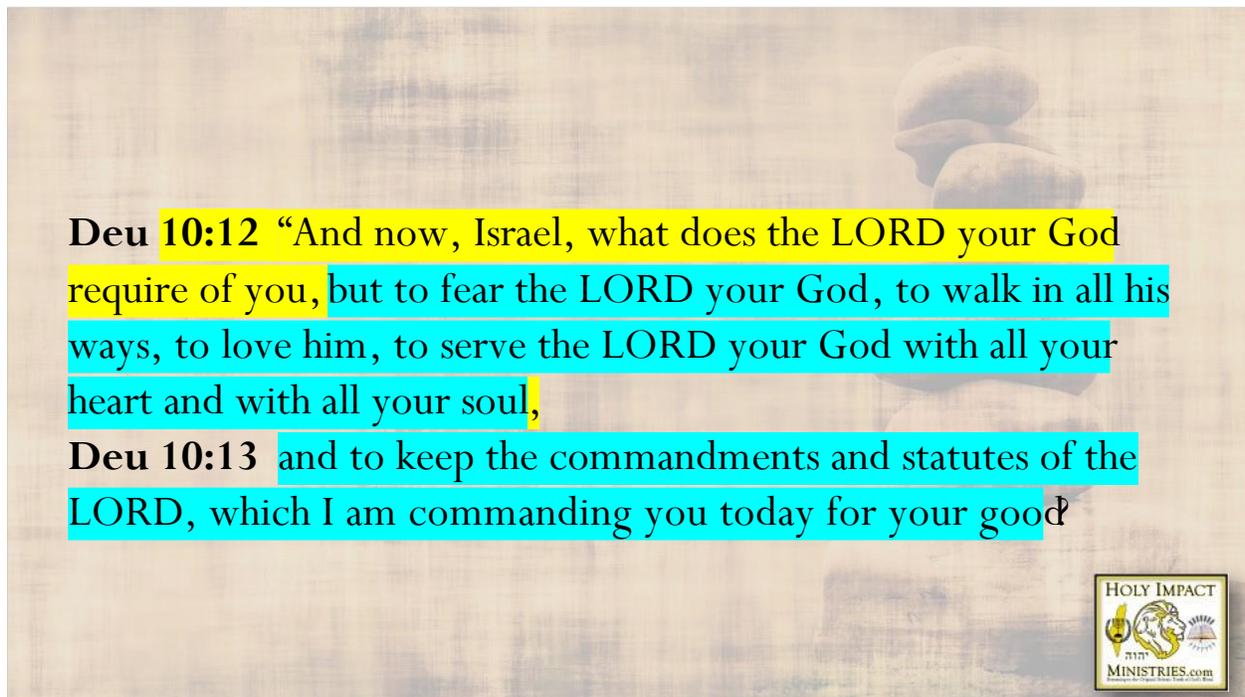
How do you honor our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son with your lips while your heart is far from him? You honor our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son with your lips while your heart is far from him when you teach as doctrines... the commandments of men.

You see, it's not about the doctrines of men. It's not about the doctrines of the rabbis or the doctrines of the Pope of Rome or the doctrines of some Bible commentator or some Dr. with four years of philosophy training. It's not about what some first or second-century believer decided that he wanted to believe. It's about the doctrines of Yehovah the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And if the doctrines that we are teaching are not his doctrines, then they are no doctrines at all, and we are wasting both our time and our breath. Not to mention the fact that we are sinning against him if we are adding or taking away from his word!

And it's important that we keep these things in the forefront of our minds as we read through these God-breathed Scriptures because these Scriptures are indeed God-breathed and not man-breathed. There is a

stark difference between the two. One leads to life... and the other to death.

And all of this has to do with the circumcision of the heart. What is the biblical definition of the circumcision of the heart? We can find that all throughout the Bible including here in **Deuteronomy chapter 10 verses 12 and 13 (scrn 11)**



The circumcision of the heart has always been equated to the baptism of the flesh which causes one to become a new creature in the eyes of Yehovah God.

To fear Yehovah, and to walk in his ways and to love him and to serve Yehovah your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and to keep the commandments and the statutes of Yehovah has always been the quintessential definition of the circumcision of the heart.

In the New Testament, it's called baptism, and rarely is the circumcision of the heart ever mentioned. But both of them require us to turn and to

come back, and to love our creator with all of our hearts and with all of our souls and with all of our minds.

The Jewish people refer to this as the Shema which means to hear and to obey. And we can also find this Shema or this circumcision of the heart in **Deuteronomy chapter 6 verses four through nine (scrn 12)**

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



This circumcision of the heart causes us to leave behind the old person in the grave... and to put on the new person in life moving forward. This circumcision of the heart gives us the drive and the will and the tenacity that it takes to follow after the words of Yehovah God and not to follow after the words of men.

You see, Christianity today loves to talk about how much God loves them and how protected their evil flesh is. But modern-day Christianity today rarely talks about our love for our Father in heaven. Christianity today loves to talk about how Jesus did it all for them at the cross so that they don't have to be bothered with anything. But this has never been the whole truth. And I would contend that we would do well to put off

that vanity and that self-righteous indignation and to put on the circumcision of the heart and realize that it's not all about how much God loves me... but rather how much do I love him.

It is obviously not how much God loves us that will stop us from sinning. God has loved us from the beginning and yet we have continued to sin relentlessly. And therefore, how much God loves us is not a deterrent from sin and transgression. The only thing that stops us from sin and transgression is when we turn and love him as much as he loves us. This love that we have for him... is what immediately stops sin and transgression. Yehovah can love you to the ends of the earth but if you do not love him... you will never stop sinning and transgressing his word.

Man has always strived to become his own god in his own mind. But I tell you the truth... it was not until the prodigal son returned to his father with love and respect that the prodigal son was accepted by his father and the two once again became one.

Our love for our Father in heaven is what causes us to sit up and take note of the pig pen that we have been living in. It is the love of our Father that we have for him... that causes us to realize the pain and the suffering that we have caused him. It is the love for our Father that we have for him... that causes us to despise sin and to loathe transgression. It is the love that we have for him... that has been written across our hearts and in our minds that protects us from the fiery darts of the evil one.

You see, the circumcision of the heart is indeed true faith. The circumcision of the heart and the faith that we read about in the New Testament both have to do with **our love for him**. And if there is no love in our hearts for him... then we will never be accepted by him because we will always reek of the stench of the pigpen that is the world that we wallow in. Sin and transgression are the mire of the pigpen and it burns the nostrils of our Father in heaven.

How many of us sitting here today have experienced the circumcision of the heart? How many of us have gone down into that watery grave of baptism in order to be washed clean and free from the stench of the world in order to rise up a new creature with a new circumcised heart? How many of us have a newfound love for Yehovah the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who sent his only begotten Son to be our Passover lamb and the propitiation for our sins?

My friends, you can preach and teach John 3:16 all day long. But if you are not teaching and preaching first John chapter 3 verse six along with John 3:16... then you are wasting your breath. (scrn 13 show only)

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



It is not all about how much Yehovah loves us. It is also about how much we love him and whether or not we have experienced the circumcision of the heart. The very reason that our Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son into the world to be our Passover lamb is so that our stony hearts would be broken. Because our Father in heaven knew that the only way that he could replace our stony hearts was to break those stony

hearts. And upon breaking those stony hearts, only then could he replace our hearts with a new heart of flesh that would be fully capable of not only receiving his love... but also reciprocating that love back to him.

My friends, it is written that the word of Yehovah God does not come back to him empty. And I would submit to you that neither does his love come back to him empty. When the love of Yehovah God goes out, it is well accepted and treasured in the hearts of those who truly love him in return. Those who reflect Yehovah God's love back to him are all that are counted. Everything else is nothing but weeds in a wheat field ready to be bundled and burned.

As for the vanity filled and the apathetic, and the slothful, and the wicked, their hearts remain stone cold. And because the love of God is all about taking and never giving in return... they have no want and no will to turn and to love him in return. Their vanity and their arrogance precede them along with the stench and the mire of the world. They seem holy and righteous to others and their prayers are of many words and they wear their fringes long and they love the best seats in the house, but I tell you the truth... it is these that will meet their end in the second death. And why? Because in the end... it's all about them and their vanity and their talent and their voice and their words and their prestige. But they could care less about truly loving Yehovah or his Son or his word. They read it but they do not understand it. They are hypocrites, blind men, whitewashed tombs beautiful on the outside... but full of dead men's bones on the inside.

My hope and my prayer is that we all know and understand what Moses is talking about here concerning the circumcision of the heart. My hope and my prayer is that it is not all about how much God loves you. But rather how much you love him. For this is what completes the circle of love. A circle of love that cannot be denied, cannot be broken, cannot be trampled upon, and cannot be destroyed. **Romans chapter 8 verses 35 through 39 (scrn 14)**

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom 8:36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered .”

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



I would like us to take a close look at what we see here in Romans chapter 8. Most people believe that this is all about how much God loves them because that’s the first thing that they see and it’s the first thing that the apostate church has taught them. But please notice verse 36 where we are told and I quote, “for your sake we are being killed all the day long, we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” And verse 37 goes on to say “No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

I ask you plainly... Is this all about how much Yehovah and his only begotten Son loves us? Who is it that will be killed all the day long and regarded as sheep to be slaughtered? Who is it that conquerors through him who loved us?

I tell you the truth... those who are being killed all the day long and are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered are those whose hearts have been circumcised. These are those who understand the importance of reciprocal love. These are those who also love the Anointed One of Yehovah as much as the Anointed One of Yehovah loves them. These are

those who love the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who sent them an Anointed One, a Passover lamb as an olive branch to be the propitiation for their transgressions.

I tell you the truth, Romans chapter 8 verses 35 through 39 is not just all about the love of Yehovah God and his anointed one. Romans chapter 8 verses 35 through 39 is about a reciprocal God-given love. It's about the reciprocal love of Yehovah God upon his people and his people's reciprocal love back to him. It's about a circle of love. It's not just about gimme, gimme, gimme... it's about giving, giving, giving!

For I tell you the truth, if you do not love him as much as he loved you, you will in no way be a conqueror. For it is impossible to conquer over evil without loving Yehovah God more than your very own life. Those who love Yehovah God more than their own lives are whom the love of God will never depart from. I tell you the truth... the love of God is not linear... it is circular. Once again... listen closely to the commandment given to the assembly in Smyrna in **Revelation chapter 2 verses 10 and 11 (scrn 15)**

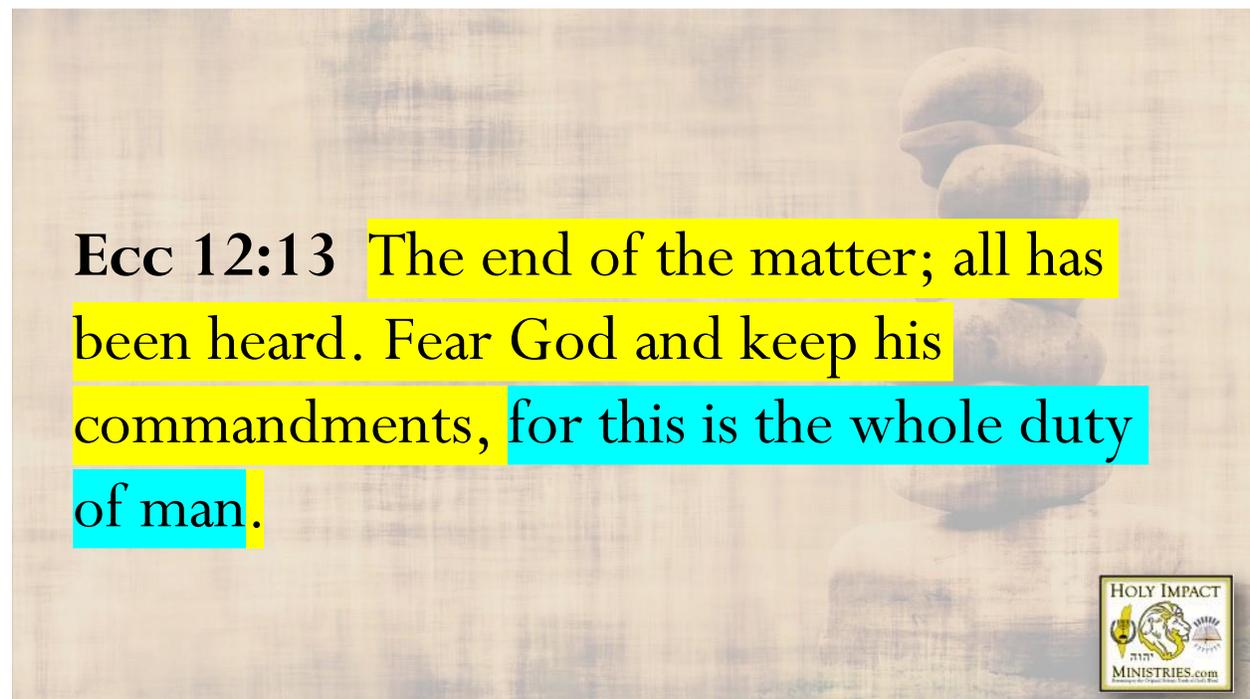
Rev 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life

Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.



I ask you plainly... how often do you hear about the suffering of the church today? How often does the apostate church today teach about the blessing of suffering for the sake of their Messiah and the word of Yehovah?

Once again my friends, it's not all about how much God loves us. It's all about how much we love him in return because he did love us first even while we were sinners. To whom much is given... much is expected.
(scrn 16 show only)



For it is written, the end of the matter, all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. And I would submit to you that the whole duty of man cannot be complete without our love for our Elohim.

I tell you the truth... the only ones who will fear God and keep his commandments are those who love God and have the circumcision of the heart, a heart transplant, a new heart of flesh that knows the

importance of how to love our Father in heaven as he has loved us.

Pay attention... listen closely... what do you hear? The tremendously loud whisper of an invitation? The trembling of the fear of Yehovah God as the knowledge of what has been done for you begins to break that rock-hard heart of stone in your chest? Don't walk to the water but run to the water and the leap to go down into that watery grave of baptism. For this is the dedication of your wedding vow, the circumcision of your heart so that the ring of reciprocal love may be placed upon your finger forever and for always.

It's not just a prayer said down at the front of the aisle my friends. It's not a prayer someone else says over you in order to save you. The saving of your soul can be done by no fleshly man other than the descendent of David. And the decision to take that first step of a journey that will take the rest of your life to complete is a decision that only you can make for yourself. The writing of Yehovah God's law upon your heart and your mind... is all up to you. It is a free choice of free will that you and you alone must make.

It is written that many are called but only few are chosen. It is written that straight is the gate and narrow is the path and that few there be that find it. And these words are trustworthy and true. For I tell you the truth, there will be many who will come to him at the end of the age claiming that they have prophesied in his name, claiming that they have cast out demons in his name, and claiming that they have done many mighty works in his name never once proclaiming their love for him. Never once falling at his feet in humility. Never once anointing his head with oil or lifting him up in praise.

And to these he will say, I never knew you, depart from me you workers of lawlessness.

I tell you the truth... that day is coming my friends and it will indeed be a rude awakening for the Army of the devil's Christian church. Once

again as we have said so many times before we now say again... where there is abomination, desolation will follow.

And with that being said my friends, I will once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon-coming kingdom together.