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## **Deuteronomy Chapter 11**

### **Blessings And Curses Life vs. Death!**

Once again before we get started this evening, I would just like to say thank you so very much for sharing your time with us this evening as we continue our study into the book of Deuteronomy and the difference between blessings and curses and life and death.

During our study into Deuteronomy chapters 9 and 10 just last week we discussed the fact that Yehovah God did not lead the house of Israel into the promised land because the house of Israel was a righteous people. Yehovah God did not dispossess the nations before them because Israel was righteous. Our Father in heaven tells us in Deuteronomy chapter 9 verse five that the reason that he removed these nations in order to give their land to the house of Israel was because these other pagan nations were wicked. These other pagan nations were practicing abominations in that land. And just as we have said so many times before, we now say again, where there is abomination... desolation is required.

When a nation continuously practices what is abominable in the eyes of Yehovah the creator of the heavens and the earth, his patience does wear thin over time. And although our Father in heaven is indeed extremely patient and long-suffering, there does come a time when the wrath of Yehovah must come in order for justice to be served. And this is exactly what was happening to these pagan nations. Their time had expired, and our Father in heaven was removing these pagan nations from the equation so that he could place his chosen set apart remnant people in

that land of milk and honey as he had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Keeping all of that in mind, and because we know these things, we ought to be looking closely at our own nations today. We ought to be thinking about the abominations that our own nations today are practicing right out in broad daylight. And furthermore, I would submit to you that we as Christians ought to be thinking about our responsibility as citizens of these earthly nations who are committing abominations in the eyes of our Father in heaven. What are our responsibilities as the light of the world and the salt of the earth? Food for thought...

And of course, the second reason that our Father in heaven was leading his people into the promised land was because of that promise that he had made to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob from the very beginning.

And Moses also reminds the house of Israel what a wicked and stiff-necked people that they have been from the very beginning. A stubborn people that rebelled against Yehovah all throughout their journey through the wilderness.

And Moses goes on to talk about the golden calf that the house of Israel had made for themselves, that graven image that they were forbidden to create at the foot of Mount Sinai while Yehovah himself was looking down upon them from the top of that very mountain.

And we also went into great detail about our golden calves today. Golden calves like Santa Claus, and the Easter Bunny, and the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath commanded by no one anywhere within the 66 books of our Bibles and many other abominations that the apostate church today drags into the house of God all the while falsely proclaiming to be the children of God.

And from there as we moved into Deuteronomy chapter 10, we spoke in some detail about the testimony of Yehovah which is also known as his

10 Commandments in some circles. And we spoke about the fact that these 10 Commandments were much more than just 10 Commandments. When Yehovah first gave the house of Israel these commandments and these precepts and these rules and regulations, it was written back in Exodus chapter 20 that these 10 Commandments were the testimony of Yehovah God. And his testimony was commanded to be kept in the ark of the testimony not the ark of the 10 Commandments.

And I say all of that to make this very important point... what the apostate church today calls the 10 Commandments, are actually the testimony of Yehovah that promises blessings and life. These are the guidelines. These 10 precepts are an index to the rest of his spoken word. These 10 Commandments, this testimony of Yehovah God is a short synopsis of his spoken word. And to be sure, you cannot keep these 10 Commandments properly without keeping the rest of Yehovah God's word properly.

And this is exactly why the apostate church today teaches that you cannot keep these 10 Commandments. They teach that the testimony of Yehovah God is separate and apart from everything else that he spoke within the confines of his Torah. The apostate church today teaches a child-like simplistic watered-down version of God's testimony.

For instance, the apostate church will teach that you shall have no other gods before God. But what they fail to understand is what it means to have other gods before God. The apostate church today only teaches half of the truth because they do not understand what it means to have no other gods before Yehovah God. They have no comprehension of the spiritual meaning of this commandment.

When you add to God's word, or when you take away from God's word, you have essentially created for yourself another god. What does it mean to worship another god? Another god is any other god that has said something that the God of Israel has not said. The proper Hebrew word for "God" in the Old Testament is the Hebrew word "Elohim". And

although it is written that there are many Elohim spoken of all throughout the Bible, there is only one Most High Elohim that sits high and above all other Elohim. Listen closely to what is written in **Psalms chapter 82: E1**

### **Rescue the Weak and Needy**

**Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph.** God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

Psa 82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*

Psa 82:3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psa 82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psa 82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

Here in the book of Psalms chapter 82, we can clearly see that it is written that our Father in heaven has taken his place in the divine council in the midst of the Elohim he holds judgment. In the midst of the gods... he holds judgment.

Upon which time he chastises these other Elohim, these other gods that were put in charge of the nation because they were judging unjustly and showing partiality to the wicked and because they were not giving justice to the week and the fatherless and maintaining the rights of the afflicted and the destitute. And there is much more to be said about these other gods. But without getting into another whole study, we need to know and understand that the devil, the Dragon, the serpent, has indeed become the Elohim of this world. Not says I, but says our New Testament Scripture in second Corinthians chapter 4 verse four (**scrn 1**)

2Co 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



And it indeed has been the god of this world who has blinded the minds of the apostate church and has replaced the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with a false god who has added to the word of God and taken away from the word of God which in of itself is a sin according to the Elohim of Israel.

New festivals and new feast days and new Sabbaths that have all been established by the devil's church of Rome are exactly what the apostate church today celebrates. They have made void the word of God in order to hold onto their own traditions just as the prophets had foretold that they would do.

And we went on to talk about the circumcision of the heart and what it meant to have a circumcised heart. Which leads us very nicely into the topic of reciprocal love.

As we have said so many times before, we say once again, it is not the love of God that stops the sinner from sinning. Yehovah the Elohim of Israel has loved mankind with all of his heart from the very beginning of

the creation of mankind. But this love of God did not stop mankind from sinning and transgressing his word.

Yehovah our Elohim has taken mankind by the hand and led him out of Egypt and through the wilderness kicking and screaming, rebelling in defiance of Yehovah's commandment. Even to this very day, those who claim to be Christians continue to return like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to its mire to their sins and to their transgressions. And why? We'll talk about that in just a few moments. But before we do it's important that we ask ourselves...

What stops a true Christian from sinning? What makes sin detestable to a Christian?

Once again my friends I would submit to you that it is not the love of God that stops a true God-fearing, Messiah-following, cross-bearing Christian from sinning. But rather, it is the Christian's love for Yehovah that stops a Christian from sinning.

It is not his love for us that stops us from sinning my friends. It is our love for him that causes us and convicts us to stop sinning. And I would submit to you that this is a novel concept that escapes the apostate church today in our time who is so vanity-filled and slothful that it cannot see the light of day.

But today as we move into Deuteronomy chapter 11, we're going to see the extension of that novel concept. That novel concept of our love for Yehovah God. A novel concept that has long ago escaped the apostate church today.

And therefore, with that being said, let us now read Deuteronomy chapter 11 so that we might see how Yehovah God has turned the tables to not only include his love for us... but our love for him. And let us understand what the true biblical definition of the love of God truly is.

**Deuteronomy chapter 11 E2**

## Love and Serve the Lord

**Deu 11:1** "You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

**Deu 11:2** And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm,

**Deu 11:3** his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land,

**Deu 11:4** and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day,

**Deu 11:5** and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place,

**Deu 11:6** and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel.

**Deu 11:7** For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did.

**Deu 11:8** "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess,

**Deu 11:9** and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Deu 11:10** For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables.

**Deu 11:11** But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven,

**Deu 11:12** a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

**Deu 11:13** "And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

**Deu 11:14** he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil.

Deu 11:15 And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full.

Deu 11:16 Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them;

Deu 11:17 then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is giving you.

Deu 11:18 "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 11:19 You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 11:20 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

Deu 11:21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

Deu 11:22 For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him,

Deu 11:23 then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

Deu 11:24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea.

Deu 11:25 No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

Deu 11:26 "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

Deu 11:27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today,

Deu 11:28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

Deu 11:29 And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

Deu 11:30 Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah,

opposite Gilgal, beside the oak of Moreh?

**Deu 11:31** For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it,

**Deu 11:32** you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today.

The very first thing that we see in Deuteronomy chapter 11 verse one is and I quote, “you shall therefore love Yehovah your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. Stop!

I would contend that the whole of the Torah is wrapped up in this single sentence of Deuteronomy chapter 11 verse one. The whole of the Bible itself is given right here in one sentence.

Keeping all of this in mind... How does the New Testament tell us to love Yehovah? (**scrn 2 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?**

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Right here in Deuteronomy chapter 11 verse one Moses tells the house of Israel that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments. And right here the apostle John tells the house of Israel in first John chapter 5 that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments. And furthermore... that Yehovah God's commandments are not burdensome to us.

Is there any question in anyone's mind concerning what the biblical definition of the love of God is? Because there should not be. There should be no question concerning what the biblical definition of the love of God is according to Yehovah God.

I ask you plainly... has anything changed from the Old Testament to the New Testament concerning the biblical definition of the love of God?

I would contend that absolutely nothing has changed from the Old Testament to the New Testament concerning the biblical definition of the love of God. The only question that remains today is how do we keep the commandments of Yehovah today in our time.

We must remember that we have no temple, we have no Levitical priesthood, and we have no court system that was laid out by Yehovah on earth today. We have no physical high priest to offer anything to our Father in heaven on our behalf. And therefore, does this mean that all of God's laws have been done away with... or that his law has somehow become a curse to us now?

Not according to the apostle John.

John says that we are still bound by the commandments of Yehovah God. John tells us that this is the very essence of the love of God that we keep God's commandments and that those commandments that he commanded us are not burdensome to us. And therefore, how can these

commandments of Yehovah God now have become a curse?

Moses holds the key to that answer. How has the law of God become a curse to so many?

According to Moses here in Deuteronomy, chapter 11 verse 16 Moses tells the house of Israel who are God's children that they are to take care lest their hearts be deceived.

Let me ask you this... have the hearts of the apostate church today been deceived do you suppose?

Take care lest your hearts be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them. What happens when we start worshiping the god of the rabbinical Pharisees? What happens when we start worshiping the god of the apostate church? What happens when we start worshiping the Pope of Rome? What happens when we start worshiping these other gods that say things that the Elohim of Israel has not ever said?

What happens when people start keeping God's calendar the way they choose to keep God's calendar instead of how God says to keep his calendar? What happens when people begin to ignore the arrival of the new moon? What happens when people begin to ignore the seventh day Sabbath? What happens when people begin to believe what they in an apocryphal book... instead of the Torah of Yehovah God?

What happens when people turn away from the hand that has fed them? What happens when people betray Yehovah God as the devil himself has done? What happens when people betray the truth that they have heard at first and then decide in the blink of an eye to trade it for a lie the way Judas of Iscariot had done? What happens when a man wakes up one morning and decides in his heart to have a secret contempt for his brother without rhyme or reason? What happens?

Even the truth that he has been given, winds up being taken away from him. Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them. In the end, these are like seeds that fell on rocky ground. **Matthew chapter 13 verses one through nine E3**

### **The Parable of the Sower**

**Mat 13:1** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

**Mat 13:2** And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.

**Mat 13:3** And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

**Mat 13:4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

**Mat 13:5** Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,

**Mat 13:6** but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

**Mat 13:7** Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

**Mat 13:8** Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

**Mat 13:9** He who has ears, let him hear."

The parable of the Sower is one of the most well-known parables that was taught by our very own Messiah. And the moral to this lesson that our Messiah teaches us has everything to do with why so many people wind up losing their way instead of staying the course.

I could explain this parable to you myself, but it would in no way be better than the way that our Messiah explains it just a few verses down in **Matthew chapter 13 verses 18 through 23 E4**

### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

**Mat 13:18** "Hear then the parable of the sower:

**Mat 13:19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in

his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

Mat 13:20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Mat 13:22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Mat 13:23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The parable of the Sower is a perfect example of not only what happened to the house of Israel back in the days of Moses, but what is still happening to many of our brothers and sisters today in our time right before our very eyes.

How many of us have known someone who hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it? And how many of us have known someone who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy and yet... has no root in himself... and so he endures for a while... but when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word... immediately they fall away? And how many of us know someone who has heard the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word out so that it proves unfruitful?

I tell you the truth... Yehovah God saw these very seeds during the days of Moses. Yehovah saw people who upon hearing his word did not understand it. Yehovah saw those who heard his word and immediately received it with joy and yet because they had no root in themselves, they endured for a while, and yet, when tribulation or persecution arose on account of the word of Yehovah they immediately fell away. Is this not exactly what happened when Yehovah commanded the house of Israel to go in and take possession of the land of the Giants? As soon as tribulation or persecution seemed to be on the horizon, they refused to obey the word of Yehovah did they not?

And what happened to King Soloman? Was he not one who heard the word? And yet, did the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches not choke the word so that it proved unfruitful?

You see King Soloman who many believe to be the wisest man on earth chose his pagan wives and their pagan gods over the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob because he did not listen to the commandment of Yehovah God not to marry outside of the house of Israel.

Once again, we find that the Old Testament is not so different from the New Testament. **(scrn 3 show only)**

**Deu 11:1** “You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

**Deu 11:13** “And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul ,

**Deu 11:22** For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him,

**Deu 11:23** then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.



And I once again would like to mention the correlation between Deuteronomy chapter 11 verse one and Deuteronomy chapter 11 verse 13, and Deuteronomy chapter 11 verse 22. Notice here the biblical definition of the love of God is once again walking in all of his ways and holding fast to him. But... there is more to this definition of loving

Yehovah God found in between these Scriptures. (scrn 4)

**Deu 11:18** “You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

**Deu 11:19** You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**Deu 11:20** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

**Deu 11:21** that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.



Who can tell me where we have read these words before? Is this the first time that we have heard these words? Who can tell me where these words were first written?

If you said **Deuteronomy chapter 6** you are absolutely right. **E5**

**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.

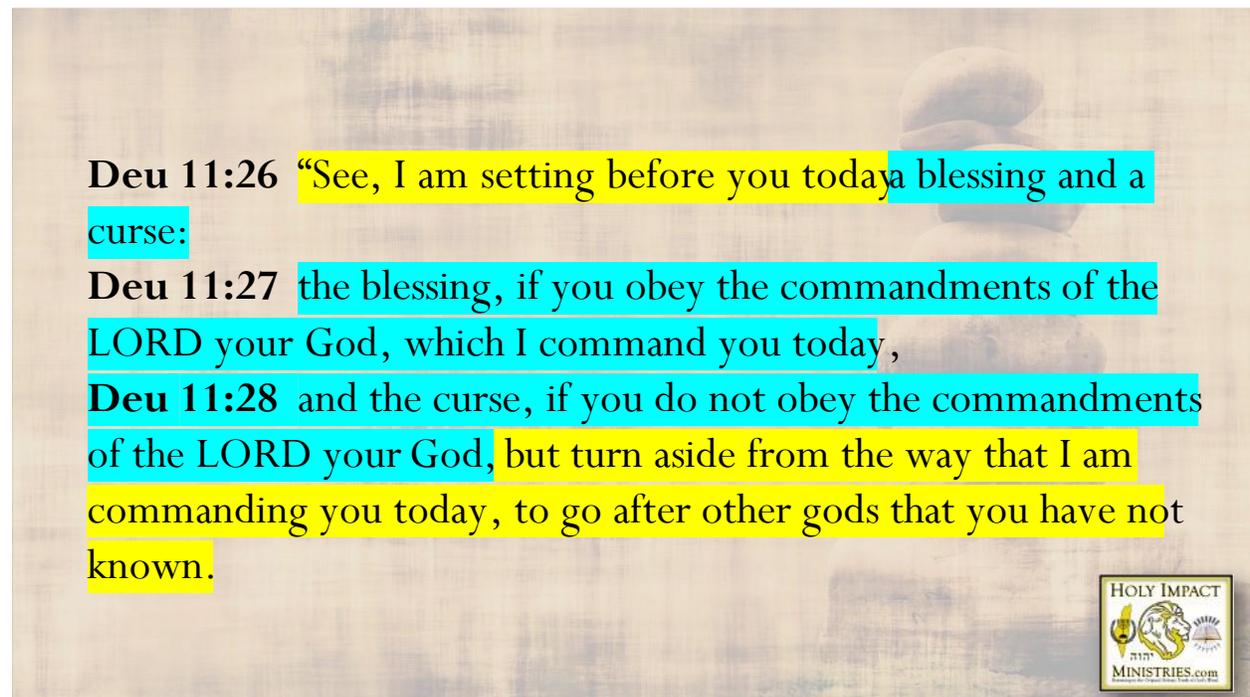
**Deu 6:7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**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.

Once again, I ask you plainly, what is this that we read in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verses four through nine? Is this not the biblical definition of the love of God once again?

And once again, as these pieces of the puzzle unfold, we can clearly see the difference between the blessings of Yehovah God and the curses of Yehovah God right here in **Deuteronomy chapter 11 verses 26 through 28 (scrn 5)**



What Moses is explaining to the house of Israel right here in Deuteronomy chapter 11 verses 26 through 28 is the difference between light and darkness. What Moses is explaining here in Deuteronomy chapter 11 is not only the difference between blessings and curses... but Moses is also explaining right here in Deuteronomy chapter 11 the difference between life and death.

It's important that we as modern-day Christians grasp the importance of what Moses is attempting to explain here in Deuteronomy chapter 11 because this goes way beyond simple blessings and curses. This has

everything to do with the love of Yehovah God versus the hatred of Yehovah God. This has everything to do with going after other gods that we have not known. Other gods that have been created by men. Other gods that call themselves popes and rabbis. Other gods that have been created by men who have usurped the power and the authority and the majesty of the one true El Elion... The Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

My friends, even the apostate church today will shamefully teach and preach that the law of God which is the commandment of God is too hard for you to keep. But that's not what our Creator says. That's not what our Father in heaven says. And in order to get a better and more clear perspective of what Moses is attempting to tell us here in Deuteronomy chapter 11, we need to jump ahead in the book of Deuteronomy to **Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses 11 through 20 E6**

### **The Choice of Life and Death**

**Deu 30:11** "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.

**Deu 30:12** It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

**Deu 30:13** Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

**Deu 30:14** But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

**Deu 30:15** "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

**Deu 30:16** If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

**Deu 30:17** But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

**Deu 30:18** I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

**Deu 30:19** I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have

set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

Deu 30:20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

You see, what we must understand is that from the very beginning of chapter 1 verse one of the book of Genesis... Our Father in heaven has been busy electing, dividing, and separating.

Our Father in heaven elected Abraham, he then divided Abraham from the false religion of Abraham's people, and he separated Abraham from the rest of the world. And this is exactly what happens to a true God-fearing, cross-bearing, Messiah-following Christian.

The very reason that our Messiah came was to elect and to divide and to separate. **Luke chapter 12 verses 51 through 53 (scrn 6)**

**Luk 12:51** Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division

**Luk 12:52** For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.

**Luk 12:53** They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”



This electing, and dividing, and separating began clear back in the book of Genesis and it continues on even to this very day.

During our fellowship just this past weekend we spoke about how lonely many of our brothers and sisters are because they can't find anyone to fellowship with within their area. We hear over and over again how many people feel isolated because they can't find anyone near them that believes in the whole Bible as they do. And we have heard this cry over, and over, and over again throughout the years.

And although I am sensitive to this complaint, I am always compelled to remind our brothers and sisters that our Messiah has elected us. He has divided us, and he has separated us... for a reason. And rather than allow our hearts to be filled with gloom... we ought to rejoice and be thankful and recognize the blessing that has been bestowed upon us.

We ought not to frown and fret... but we ought to sing and dance! We ought not to be brought down into depression but lifted up with song and praise!

I tell you the truth... what we are reading about right here in the book of Deuteronomy concerning the journey of the house of Israel has everything to do with the journey that we are on right now today.

If we truly believe... If we truly have faith... Then how can we say that we are alone? How can we say that he is not with us? How can we say that he is not in us? How can we say that his angels have not been commanded concerning us?

We... Are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession that we might proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. For we were once not a people. But now we are Yehovah God's people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. And as sojourners in this land and exiles, we are called to abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against our souls and to shine the light that we have been given and to be the salt of the earth.

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in Yehovah and believe in the Passover lamb that he has sent us, for in our Father's house there are many rooms, and our Passover lamb, our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek, our king who sits upon the throne of David is indeed there right now preparing a place for you and for me so that we may be with him.

This life is but a vapor. We are here today and gone tomorrow. But just as Moses has already told Yehovah God's children in Deuteronomy chapter 30... if we love Yehovah God by walking in his ways and keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules we shall live and not only live but multiply, and Yehovah are Elohim will bless us and the land that we will soon enter in to take possession of on the day of his return.

Think on these things my friends. Do not allow darkness to enter in and blow out the light that we have been given.

And with that, we will pick up next Wednesday at 7 PM Eastern Standard Time as we continue our journey throughout the book of Deuteronomy.

Until that time, I will do as I always do, and I will 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 is 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.