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## **Deuteronomy Chapters 28 and 29**

### **Blessings And Curses Obedience vs Lawlessness**

Once again, before we get started here this evening I would like to say welcome and thank you for sharing your time with us here as we turn back to the book of Deuteronomy and hear what Moses had to say to the house of Israel as he was preparing to hand the mantel over to Joshua who would lead the house of Israel into the promised land that Yehvoah God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Tonight, we'll be returning to Deuteronomy chapter 28, and we'll be examining the difference between what obedience to Yehvoah God brings verses what disobedience to Yehvoah God brings and we'll soon see that obedience all throughout the Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation does indeed play an integral role in how the gift of salvation is rolled out before a disobedient and wicked people.

Last week we read through Deuteronomy chapter 28 and we read about the blessings that Yehvoah God would bestow upon his chosen set apart people if they obeyed his voice and kept his commandments and we took note of just how God's people would be blessed verses how they would be cursed if they disobeyed his voice and his commandments and needless to say there were very huge blessings that were rewarded by those who understood the importance of obedience but there were also very dark rewards for those who would willfully and intentionally turn away from obedience.

Today in our time our modern-day denominational empires of men have all but struck down the obedience of God. Today's modern day denominational empires of men have literally thrown obedience to the ground and have done exactly what the Rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiahs time had done by creating for themselves their own laws and their own commandments and their own traditions that have literally usurped the supreme authority and majesty of the creator of the heavens and the earth by adding to his word and taking away from his spoken word.

But I would contend that the Bible says what the Bible says and those who deliberately teach things that add to the word of God and take away from the word of God will indeed be judged for doing what they are doing.

Here in what the world calls "The Old Testament" we find that obedience is key to understanding the biblical definition of the love of God that we find in the New Testament in **1<sup>st</sup> John chapter 5 verses 2 and 3: (scrn 1)**

**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

Some wrongly believe that obedience is not found in the New Testament and that because the Jesus of the church has died for their sins they can continue in their sin by returning like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to it's mire but that's not what the New Testament says at all when you read it for yourself. Listen closely to what the Apostle Peter had to say about men who have turned away from the obedience of God in **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:19-22 (scrn 2)**

**2Pe 2:19** They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

**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."



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It never ceases to amaze me how many modern-day denominational Christians actually believe that obedience to God's word is a thing of the past because of those who promise them freedom but who are themselves slaves of corruption.

I cannot tell you how many times I have heard ignorant and unstudied professing Christians tell me how Jesus did it all for them at the cross so that they don't have to be bothered with God's word anymore or how they now believe that they are once saved always saved, and that God will never allow them to be tested or to endure hardship or tribulation.

How sad it is to hear such wickedness proceed from the lips of the foolish and easily led astray who clearly have no eyes to see nor ears to hear. We have been commanded to pick up our crosses and to follow our Messiah who was a living example of how we should walk and how we should talk. Keeping that in mind, I'd like to turn to the book of **Philippians in the New Testament chapter 2 verses 8 through 11 (scrn 3)**

**Php 2:8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Php 2:9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

**Php 2:10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**Php 2:11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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It is written right here in Philippians chapter 2 verse 8 that our Messiah who we are to follow became obedient to the point of death. Think about that for just a moment. Even our own Messiah tells us that if we love him... we will keep his commandments in **John chapter 14: (scrn 4)**

**Joh 14:15** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

**Joh 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

**Joh 14:17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

**Joh 14:18** “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

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The Apostle Paul tells us to renew our minds daily so that we can discern what the will of God is in **Romans 12:2 (scrn 5)**

**Rom 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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And what is even more evident is the fact that our Messiah tells us in

Matthew chapter 7 that not everyone who calls him Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who is found doing the will of his Father in heaven. **Matthew chapter 7:21-23 (scrn 6)**

**Mat 7:21** “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

**Mat 7:22** On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

**Mat 7:23** And then will I declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’



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And so, we have a plethora of Scripture found in the New Testament that does indeed require obedience to God in order for salvation to be granted but what does the church teach? Many denominational empires of men once again take away from the word of God in order to hold fast to their own traditions. They honor our Messiah and his Father in vain because they are teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men.

The book of Deuteronomy is clearly taught all throughout the New Testament and the love of God has always been from the very beginning that we keep his commandments and his rules and his appointments and not mans. The love of God was set as the foundation of the faith clear back here in the beginning of the book and is eloquently described in **Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses 16 through 18 (scrn 7)**

**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.



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There is no difference between the Old And the New Testaments concerning the requirement of obedience. Yes the curse of the law which was the penalty of the law was moved out of the way and nailed to the cross so that we as sinners could return to God, but this in no way allows someone who truly loves God to return like a dog to their vomit or like a pig to their mire for if they do return to their sin just as the Apostle Peter tells us in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter it would have been better for them to have never even known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. Once again... **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:19-22 (scrn 8)**

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Isn't it amazing how the devil works through the man-made religion of men to add to... and to take away from the word of God in each and every generation? And each and every generation falls for it like a moth to a flame.

Keeping these things in mind I'd like to now turn to Deuteronomy chapter 29 so that we can dig even deeper into the similarities and the differences between the covenant that God made with the house of Israel at Mount Siani and the new covenant that God has made with the house of Israel here in the New Testament through the blood of the Lamb of God. **Deuteronomy chapter 29 E1**

### **The Covenant Renewed in Moab**

**Deu 29:1** These are the words of the covenant that the LORD commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.

**Deu 29:2** And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,

**Deu 29:3** the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great

wonders.

Deu 29:4 But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

Deu 29:5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.

Deu 29:6 You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.

Deu 29:7 And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle, but we defeated them.

Deu 29:8 We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.

Deu 29:9 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.

Deu 29:10 "You are standing today, all of you, before the LORD your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel,

Deu 29:11 your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water,

Deu 29:12 so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of the LORD your God, which the LORD your God is making with you today,

Deu 29:13 that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Deu 29:14 It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant,

Deu 29:15 but with whoever is standing here with us today before the LORD our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.

Deu 29:16 "You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed.

Deu 29:17 And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them.

Deu 29:18 Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit,

Deu 29:19 one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.

Deu 29:20 The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger

of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.

Deu 29:21 And the LORD will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.

Deu 29:22 And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which the LORD has made it sick—

Deu 29:23 the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and wrath—

Deu 29:24 all the nations will say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?'

Deu 29:25 Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt,

Deu 29:26 and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them.

Deu 29:27 Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book,

Deu 29:28 and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.'

Deu 29:29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

The very first thing that we see in Deuteronomy chapter 29 is that God has made two different covenants with the house of Israel. One at Mount Horeb (also known as Siani) and another one mentioned here in the land of Moab. And so, what is this new covenant that he is making with the house of Israel here in the land of Moab?

Notice that it is written in verse 4 that to this very day meaning the day that Moses was speaking to the house of Israel... Yehvoah God had not yet given them a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. They were still in the process of learning about God's unfolding plan of

salvation for mankind. These early Israelites were the fledgling newborns of the house of Israel that were being used to demonstrate to future generations how to love Yehovah God.

You see our Father in heaven wanted us to know that from the very beginning man could not live up to his full potential on his own. Man needs God in order to live up to the potential that God created man to live up to.

Every time man decides to go off on his own and do things his own way he almost immediately finds out that his own way leads to death and destruction. It is only the way of Yehvoah God that leads to life. The word of man is fruitless and empty and produces nothing... but the word of God brings forth good fruit that leads to everlasting life.

The moment that man begins to add to God's word or to take away from God's word man begins just like Peter to flounder in the sea. It is only when we focus on our creator that we have the ability to literally walk on water just as both Yeshua and Peter did.

Here in Deuteronomy chapter 29 the house of Israel had not yet been given a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear and this is exactly why they kept stumbling and stumbling through the wilderness for 40 years and God is reminding them of how he took care of them and how neither the sandals on their feet or the clothes on their backs wore out. And he reminds them how he delivered the pagan kings Sihon and Og to them and gave them that land to dwell in.

Once again here in Deuteronomy Yehvoah God is slowly divulging his unfolding plan of salvation to the house of Israel who has not yet been given a heart of understanding or eyes to see or ears to hear like the future generations of the house of Israel will be given in the future but God promises the house of Israel right here in Deuteronomy chapter 29 that this new covenant that he will make... he will make with whoever is standing there with them on that day and with whoever is not standing

there with them on that day. What does that mean?

That very day... that the house of Israel was entering into the promised land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Yehvoah God was establishing them as his people and once again establishing his covenant with them concerning his law and his commandment. And in doing so... Yehvoah God was also hinting about what this covenant would lead to which would be a new covenant that would give them a heart to understand and eyes to see and ears to hear.

But it was not yet time for the house of Israel to enter into that new covenant, and it would not be time for them to enter into that new covenant until the arrival of the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. Notice what is written in **Jeremaih chapter 31: (scrn 9)**

**Jer 31:31** “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

**Jer 31:32** not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

**Jer 31:33** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



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This new covenant that God would make with the house of Israel would be made through the blood of the Lamb of God who is Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek). **Luke 22:20 (scrn 10)**

**Luk 22:20** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,  
“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my  
blood.”

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You see, this new covenant that our Messiah’s blood has brought to us is all about the writing of God’s law across our hearts and in our minds as his chosen set apart people. Listen closely to what is written in the New Testament in the book of **Hebrews chapter 10; (scrn 11)**

**Heb 10:14** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**Heb 10:15** And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

**Heb 10:16** “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

**Heb 10:17** then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”



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Please notice that it is written in Hebrews chapter 10 of the New Testament that God promised to write his laws on our hearts and in our minds and then... get that my friends... and then... after he writes his law in our hearts and in our minds... then... he will remember our sins and lawless deeds no more. And we see it again in the New Testament in **Hebrews chapter 8 verses 6 through 13 E2**

**Heb 8:6** But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

**Heb 8:7** For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

**Heb 8:8** For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

**Heb 8:9** not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

**Heb 8:10** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my

people.

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Heb 8:13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The Christ, the Messiah, the Lamb of God has obtained a ministry because God his Father had found fault with his children and there was a need for a new covenant that would write the law of God upon the hearts of his children helping them to understand that God's love is not a one-way street. God's love is meant to be reciprocal. God's love flows down out of and from Yehvoah God upon his people and is reciprocated through the obedience of his people back to him for this is the love of God that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome to us says 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3.

Hebrews chapter 8 verse 13 tells us that In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

And so, what is the difference between the Old Covenant and the New?  
**(scrn 12) show only**

**Deu 29:4** But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

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The difference is just as we have read in Deuteronomy chapter 29 verse 4... back then God had not given the house of Israel a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. But through this new covenant the house of Israel through the blood of the Lamb of God was indeed given a heart to understand and eyes to see and ears to hear.

This covenant is indeed greater than the last because of what we have been shown through the blood of the Lamb of Yehvoah God. And it was through what has been shown to us... which is the true wages of sin and what sin leads to... that the law which is the word of God that our Messiah became in the flesh is now branded across our hearts and in our minds.

The world watched along with the devil as a witness, as the wages of sin and death were paid for in full by the Lamb of God who was a perfect unblemished human being whose human father was David and whose human mother was Mary. This perfect unblemished fully human... Lamb of God gave of himself to be that perfect sacrificial Lamb so that everyone in the world that would truly believe in him and what he did

would be made clean once again in the eyes of God the Father.

Those who would do the will of the Father after being cleansed by the blood of the Lamb will be accepted. But just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 7... those who call him Lord but do not do the will of his Father... he does not know. Nore do they know him for they have once again willfully and intentionally chosen to return like a dog to its vomit and like a pig to its mire which is indeed the quintessential definition of being... lawless.

If you have not read Matthew chapter 7 and the warning laid out before you by your own Messiah... please... take the time to slow down and read it for yourself and understand just who it is that is going to enter into his kingdom... and who is not.

And with that we will close the books for this evening and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet and 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 herd hear tonight 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.