



Deuteronomy Chapter 7

A Divided, Elected, Chosen, Set Apart People

Welcome once again everybody to our ongoing study into the book of Deuteronomy. Last week in Deuteronomy chapter 6 we took the time to look at what was known as the Shema and how our Father in heaven continuously tells us that he is one and that there are no other gods like him upon which time he commands us to love him with all of our hearts with all of our minds with all of our souls and with all of our might.

And our Father also commands us in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 13 to fear him. And this once again this is something that many modern-day Christians today who have been taught that God is love and love is God and nothing else... have a very difficult time understanding. But once again our Father in heaven makes it very clear why it is that we are to fear him just if you verses down in **Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 24 and 25 E1 SHOW**

Deu 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

Deu 6:25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.'

It is written in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 24 that we are to fear God “for our good always”. And I want to stop right here for just a moment

so that we can once again minister to those who think that it is wrong to fear God or that they don't have to fear God. Yehovah our Father in heaven tells us that we are to fear him for our good always so that... He might preserve us alive as we are this day. And he goes on to tell us that it will be righteousness for us if... if we are careful to do all this commandment before Yehovah our God as he has commanded us to do.

And therefore, this commandment to fear God is for our good always. And we must always remember that. The truth of the matter is, that people will not obey a Father that they do not fear. Fear is a sign of respect.

All of us have had fathers that we loved very much. But we also feared making our Father's angry. Why? Because it is written that any father who is a good father will not spare the rod to spoil the child. **(scrn 1)**

Pro 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Pro 23:13 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.

Pro 23:14 If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

Pro 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.



(scrn 2)

Pro 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Pro 26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.

Heb 12:11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.



(scrn 3)

Heb 12:5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

Heb 12:6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?



Once again, it should be understood that our Father in heaven disciplines the ones that he loves, and he chastises every son whom he receives. Why? Because our Father in heaven is treating us as sons. And therefore,

just as it is written... the fear of God is the beginning of knowledge.

And this is exactly why our Father in heaven created the family unit here on earth. So that we would better understand the relationship that we have with him as our Father in heaven. And this goes very nicely along with what we are about to read in Deuteronomy chapter 7 concerning Yehovah's divided, elected, chosen, set apart people.

Keeping these things in mind, let's now turn to Deuteronomy chapter 7, and let's just read through Deuteronomy chapter 7 so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly what it does not say.

Deuteronomy chapter 7; E2

A Chosen People

Deu 7:1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you,

Deu 7:2 and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them.

Deu 7:3 You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons,

Deu 7:4 for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.

Deu 7:5 But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.

Deu 7:6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Deu 7:7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

Deu 7:8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty

hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Deu 7:10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

Deu 7:11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

Deu 7:12 "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.

Deu 7:13 He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you.

Deu 7:14 You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

Deu 7:15 And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you.

Deu 7:16 And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

Deu 7:17 "If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?'

Deu 7:18 you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,

Deu 7:19 the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

Deu 7:20 Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed.

Deu 7:21 You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God.

Deu 7:22 The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you.

Deu 7:23 But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed.

Deu 7:24 And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.

Deu 7:25 The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Deu 7:26 And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

One of the first things that we see in Deuteronomy chapter 7 is Moses once again reminding the house of Israel that Yehovah our Father in heaven is clearing away seven different nations that are more numerous and mightier than the house of Israel.

The Hittites the Girgashites the Amorites the Canaanites the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites were seven nations that were larger and stronger than the house of Israel. And Yehovah our Father in heaven told the house of Israel that he would move these nations out of the way for them as they went into war against them and the only thing that Yehovah God asked in return was that the house of Israel would devote them to complete destruction and that the house of Israel would make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them.

Now... I want to stop right here for just a moment because I want to ask you a question. Does this sound like a God that only knows love and knows nothing of justice? Does this sound like a God that knows only love and knows nothing of wrath? Because I would submit to you my friends that this is a major problem within the apostate church today. They love their god of love... but they despise the one true God of Israel who demands justice and the reciprocation of his love through obedience and good works.

And it's important that we understand that the man-made god that is only love cannot be the God of Israel. Because the Elohim of Israel is a just God. The Elohim of Israel is a jealous God and rightly so.

We must remember that the Elohim, the God that we serve is the creator of all things seen and unseen. Not one of us could open our eyes up in the morning and even take a breath without what our Father in heaven has created. Without Yehovah you have no eyes to open, without Yehovah, you have no lungs to take a breath, without Yehovah there is no oxygen in the air for you to breathe, without Yehovah, there is no world to wake up in.

We must always remember that mankind was created for Yehovah's good pleasure. And the very reason that he created mankind was to be a holy nation of priests to him a valued possession, to be part of his family and his divine counsel, and an expansion of himself.

My friends, have you ever tried to use a screwdriver for a hammer? Have you ever used the wrong tool for the wrong job? If you know how troublesome and frustrating it can be to use a screwdriver as a hammer... then you ought to have enough insight to know what happens when you use something that was not created for that specific task.

Have you ever tried to use a hammer as a screwdriver? It doesn't work very well, does it? Of course it doesn't and why doesn't it? Because the hammer was never meant to be used as a screwdriver. The hammer was created to be used for a very specific purpose. And so are human beings created for a very specific purpose. And when we stray away from that very specific purpose... we no longer become a help... but a hindrance.

I cannot tell you how many people that I run into who are in a state of deep depression simply because they do not know what they were created for. I see people all the time who are attempting to re-create themselves in order to be something that they have seen in the movies or on a soap opera, or in a music video never understanding who they really are and what they were created for.

And I would contend that until a human being understands who they are

and the purpose that they were created for, we human beings will never experience true happiness. We will never be content, and we will never be comfortable being who we are until we learn and understand who it is that we were created to be.

And this is exactly why our Father in heaven has preserved this Bible for thousands of years! So that we would know who created us and what we were created for and what our objectives should be in life. And it is only when we understand these things that everything else in life begins to make sense and come together.

And so, getting back to the biblical fact that our Father in heaven is not just a God of love, but he is also a God of justice... this understanding of Yehvoah is extremely important for us to grasp. And the closer that we get to him, and the more that we study his word that our Messiah became and calls us to also become by picking up our crosses and following him... the more like him we become. And why is that? Because he is our Father that we all come from.

And this is exactly why our Father in heaven commands the house of Israel not to intermarry with the daughters and the sons of these other nations. Because these other nations were not directly created by Yehovah God. These other nations are hammers that think that they are screwdrivers. And because they are not part of him our Father in heaven commands his children to break down their altars and to dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their asherim trees and burn their carved images with fire. Exactly who was the house of Israel according to **Deuteronomy chapter 7 verse six through 10 E6 SHOW ONLY?**

Deu 7:6 "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Deu 7:7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

Deu 7:8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that

he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Deu 7:10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

Once again, it was the house of Israel that were the originally chosen people to be Yehovah's treasured possession out of all the people on the face of the earth. And it wasn't because they were the biggest nation on the face of the earth. In fact, he tells us that his people began as the fewest of all people on the earth. But it is because Yehovah loved them and was keeping the oath that he swore to their fathers.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, I want us to also understand that much later on in history the house of Israel becomes a thorn in the side of Yehovah because of their disobedience. And I also want us to hear what our Father in heaven tells them later on in the book of **Deuteronomy chapter 9 verses one through 12 E3**

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.'

And therefore, when we read in Deuteronomy chapter 7 that Yehovah God loved the house of Israel and that he was keeping the oath that he swore to their fathers, there's actually more to the story to understand.

Once again, our Father in heaven is not a god of love only. Our Father in heaven is an Elohim of justice. And it is because he requires justice, that he requires obedience to his word. You see, it's not about stripping the word of God down and taking out all of the things that we want to believe and all of the things that we want to hear and throwing away the rest of God's word.

It's not about teaching half of God's word and ignoring the other half.

It's not about an emotionally driven euphoric utopian gospel that turns the Elohim of Israel into a cuddly little teddy bear or makes him out to be our best buddy.

It's about the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who is indeed a jealous God and rightly so. An Elohim who must protect and serve justice in order to protect and serve his children.

What happens when God's children reject the law of God? Think about that for just a minute. What does our Messiah tell us in the 24th chapter of the book of Matthew? Did he not tell us that the love of many will grow cold because lawlessness would be increased? And did he not warn us what this would bring? Did he not warn us that this would bring the wrath of his Father?

You see the law serves everyone and keeps everyone safe and secure. The law actually provides peace and safety. But when you remove the law of God from the equation... You literally remove peace and safety from the equation and the community of God's people suffers greatly because the law has been removed.

When lawlessness is increased, chaos ensues.

Take a look around you. Is it not all about the selfie today? Is it not all about not offending anyone!? What do people think today? People think today that if God created me as a man, and I don't want to be a man, I can be anything I want. Or if God created me as a woman and I don't want to be a woman, I can be anything I want. And you... you and everyone else have to call me whatever it is that I want to be called! Because if you don't... well that offends me in you become... a hater.

I want to be the gender that I want to be. I want to be the leader. I want to rule and reign. I don't want to be offended. I want to make the murder of an unborn child legal, it's my body! I want to do what I want to do with my body. If I'm a man and I want to marry another man I should be

able to do what I want to do and you... and you... well you should bow the knee to my lifestyle because if you don't bow your knee to me... well then you're just a homophobe!

You see where this lawlessness leads? And do you see why it is written that our Father in heaven turns them over to a reprobate mind?

You see, it's never been about the individual. It has always been about the community. It has always been about us being one with each other and doing what keeps all of us safe and sound. And when one of us turns away from the law of God, that one is removed from the assembly because as it is written... a little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Why were these seven nations erased from the face of the earth? Yehovah commanded that they be erased from the face of the earth because they were lawless, and he knew that there could not be peace and safety while lawlessness was left to go unimpeded. The hammer was attempting to be a screwdriver and the screwdriver was attempting to be a hammer. You can only be... what you were created to be. And all the tools in the toolbox are what builds the house together in harmony.

My friends, if you want to live in peace and safety, you must have laws. And someone must be in charge of those laws. When we all think that it's all about us individually... we're no longer concerned with our brothers and our sisters and how our actions affect or serve them.

A man was not meant to have sexual relations with a man. And this is why we have all kinds of diseases and plagues that have stemmed from such behavior. It is unnatural, and it affects the whole community not only physically but also spiritually.

When Yehovah God says do not do something, and man decides to shake his fist in the face of God and turn around and do it anyway... Yehovah God at that time must enforce justice. Because if he does not, no one will fear him, and no one will abide in him any longer because he will

have become a weak and feeble God who knows nothing but love and does not enforce justice.

This my friends is not who Yehovah is.

We do not serve a God that only knows love and nothing else. And those who do serve a god that knows only love and nothing else are serving another god. And those who teach and preach a god that knows only love and nothing else, are teaching and preaching another pagan god.

Those who teach and preach anything outside of the word of God are teaching another god which our God forbids! It is in fact the most important commandment to know that Yehovah is one and that we love that one Elohim with all of our hearts all of our minds and all of our strength.

He does not want us to intermarry with these wicked unbelievers. And I want us to notice that this is why he tells us in the very next verse in Deuteronomy chapter 7 verse 11 to therefore be careful to do the commandments and the statutes and the rules that Yehovah commands us to do.

My friends I ask you plainly... is today's modern-day apostate church being careful to do the commandments and the statutes and the rules that the Elohim of Israel commands them to do? Are they keeping any of his appointments? Any of his feast days? Are they keeping anything in remembrance? Are they teaching the difference between the clean and the unclean? Are they teaching against the abominations of Yehovah God or are they dragging those very abominations of Yehovah God into the house of Yehovah God by teaching and preaching a new man-made god of love?

Where are the preachers? Where are the prophets? Where are the teachers? They've all gone to serve the pagan god of love while forsaking the Elohim of Israel.

Getting back to Deuteronomy chapter 7 verses 11 through 16... our Father in heaven goes through a long laundry list of blessings that will be bestowed upon those who are careful to do his commandments and his statutes in his rules.

He says that if his people are careful to do his commandment and his rules and his statutes that he will love them and bless them and multiply them. And that he will also bless the fruit of their wombs and the fruit of their ground and their grain and their wine and their oil and the increase of their herds and the young of their flock.

They shall be blessed above all people on the face of the earth. There shall not be a male or a female baron among them or among their livestock. And Yehovah will take away from them all sickness and none of the evil diseases of Egypt that they once knew will afflict them.

What are we reading here in Deuteronomy chapter 7? I would contend that what we are reading here in Deuteronomy chapter 7 is a love letter from Yehovah given to Moses to give to the children of Israel.

Yehovah is telling his beloved how much he loves them. He is telling them what he is willing to give them far and above any other people on the face of the earth. He is telling them that no matter how big these other nations are, no matter how many giants there are in the land, no matter how mighty they may seem, that Yehovah himself will move them out of the way so that his children can take back the land that Yehovah had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob their fathers.

And I want us to also notice here in Deuteronomy chapter 7 verse 22 that Yehovah tells the house of Israel that he will clear away these nations before them little by little. In other words, he's not going to do it all at once. And why is that? According to Deuteronomy chapter 7 verse 22, this is because the wild beasts would grow too numerous for the house of Israel to contend with. When you have an influx of dead flesh

laying around, that creates a haven for wild beasts. And so Yehovah tells the house of Israel that he was going to do this little bit by little bit and not all at once so that the wild beasts do not grow too numerous for them to handle.

But I also want to see something else extremely important here. And not only here in Deuteronomy chapter 7 but all throughout the Bible.

Time after time after time we have taught the importance of understanding that the mercy and the grace and the love of Yehovah is to be reciprocal. And this is something that today's apostate church has long ago written off and hidden from the eyes of its parishioners.

The love of God is not a one-way street. We talk all the time about first John chapter 5 verse three which tells us in the New Testament that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. But that is not a New Testament concept. This concept of returning our love to our Father in heaven through obedience to him has been established from the very beginning here in the Torah of Yehovah. And this is where Yehovah God's people have failed miserably all throughout history.

We just read in Deuteronomy chapter 9 where Yehovah tells his people and I quote, "do not say in your heart after Yehovah your God has thrust them out before you it's because of my righteousness that Yehovah has brought me in to possess the land". It's not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you are going to be in possession of their land."

You see that's the difference between Yehovah God and man. When Yehovah our Father says he's going to do something, he does it. And that simply is not the case with man. When man says that he will do something maybe will and maybe you won't. And man has always had a difficult time reciprocating the love that Yehovah God has shown him time and time again even unto this very day.

You see just like our Messiah; our Father is our example that we should be following. Our Father has set the example from the very beginning by keeping his promises and his covenants even though we as mankind have not kept up our end of the bargain. Yehovah is faithful and true, while man have been found slothful and derelict in his duty.

And this is exactly why the end has to come the way that it does. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. There will be a great day of Yehovah that will indeed be a great and terrible day when Yehovah takes vengeance against the wickedness of mankind.

And I would be derelict in my duty if I did not point us right back to Deuteronomy chapter 30 where Yehovah our Father in heaven sets before us the choice between life and death. **Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses 11 through 20 E4**

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."

Too many in the apostate church today teach that Deuteronomy chapter 30 is nothing but a joke. To the majority of modern-day Christians in our time Deuteronomy chapter 30 doesn't even exist! God says his commandments are not too hard for us right here in Deuteronomy chapter 30 but man says that God's commandments are too hard for us! Who is it that you suppose we should believe?

Just as was prophesied by the prophets and by our Messiah and his apostle's certain men have crept in unnoticed too long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord Yeshua the Messiah. And how is it that they pervert the grace of our God into sensuality? They pervert the grace of our God into sensuality by proclaiming that Jesus did it all for them at the cross so they don't have to be bothered with anything. They pervert the grace of our God into sensuality by proclaiming that works are dead. They pervert the grace of our God into sensuality by proclaiming that the law has somehow magically become a curse! All of which are nothing but abominations that the apostate church has drug into the house of Yehovah God which will indeed require desolation upon his return!

The author of the Bible itself who is our Father in heaven has mentioned these wolves in sheep's clothing time and time again. But you never hear about them sitting in a church pew for any number of years as a pew warmer. You never hear about these warnings within today's modern-day version of Churchianity. And when you do mention them, you always have the God is love and love is God crowd bashing you because you don't teach the love of God enough!

Any true man of God will speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth. But you see the plastic, the fake, the fraud, the derelict will teach only a god of love and nothing else. And this my friends is no god at all!

When we read down through Deuteronomy chapter 30 it is made very clear to all true believers that our Father in heaven has put before us a choice to make between life and death. We either choose to love him with all of our hearts with all of our minds and with all of our souls and with all of our strength by being obedient... or we choose death!

The golden key is the love of God. And what is the love of God? That we keep his commandments, and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. That is the golden key to the kingdom. It's called obedience because... because... you love him. Once again it's not our good works that get us into the kingdom, it's our good works that reciprocates our love for him. There is a difference that the apostate church today in our time is completely oblivious to.

My friends... if you don't have that golden key to the kingdom, just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 7, you can confess that he's the son of God all day long but you are not getting into his Father's kingdom unless you are doing the will of his Father!

You simply cannot teach and preach the love of God without teaching the choice between life and death. You simply cannot teach and preach the love of God without teaching obedience. You simply cannot preach and teach the love of God without teaching reciprocation.

My hope and my prayer is that if we learn anything from the book of Deuteronomy or the rest of the Torah for that matter it's that you will not receive his promised salvation unless you have made the personal commitment to reciprocate his love through obedience. Love is like electricity and we are conductors of that electricity who carry it forward and return it to its origin.

Even the apostle James who was the head of the Jerusalem Council and the human brother of our Messiah tells us in the second chapter of the book of James that faith without works is dead. And I tell you the truth, there are a multitude of professing Christians walking the face of the earth today who were walking around with dead faith because they only believe in a God of love who knows nothing of justice or the reciprocation of that love through obedience.

If there is anything that we can teach the lost today, it is the reciprocation of the love of God. We've heard enough about how God loves us. We here it in the apostate church every day. How many times have we heard John 3:16 pumped into our hearing? How many times have we heard that God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life?

Contrast that with first John chapter 5 verse three that says that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. How many times do we hear that sitting in an apostate church? Seldom if ever do you hear first John chapter 5 verse three. And why is that? Because just like Deuteronomy chapter 30 they've cast it aside and even taught against it through their denominational dogmas and theologies and philosophies created by men.

My friends, if we can teach anything that will truly save a life, that will truly save a soul, it's that obedience is the golden key to the kingdom. Obedience is the reciprocation of Yehovah God's love. If you are not doing his Father's will who is in heaven, then you can call your Messiah Lord all day long... but you are not gaining entrance into his kingdom unless you are doing the will of his Father. Not says I... but says our very own Messiah in Matthew chapter 7!

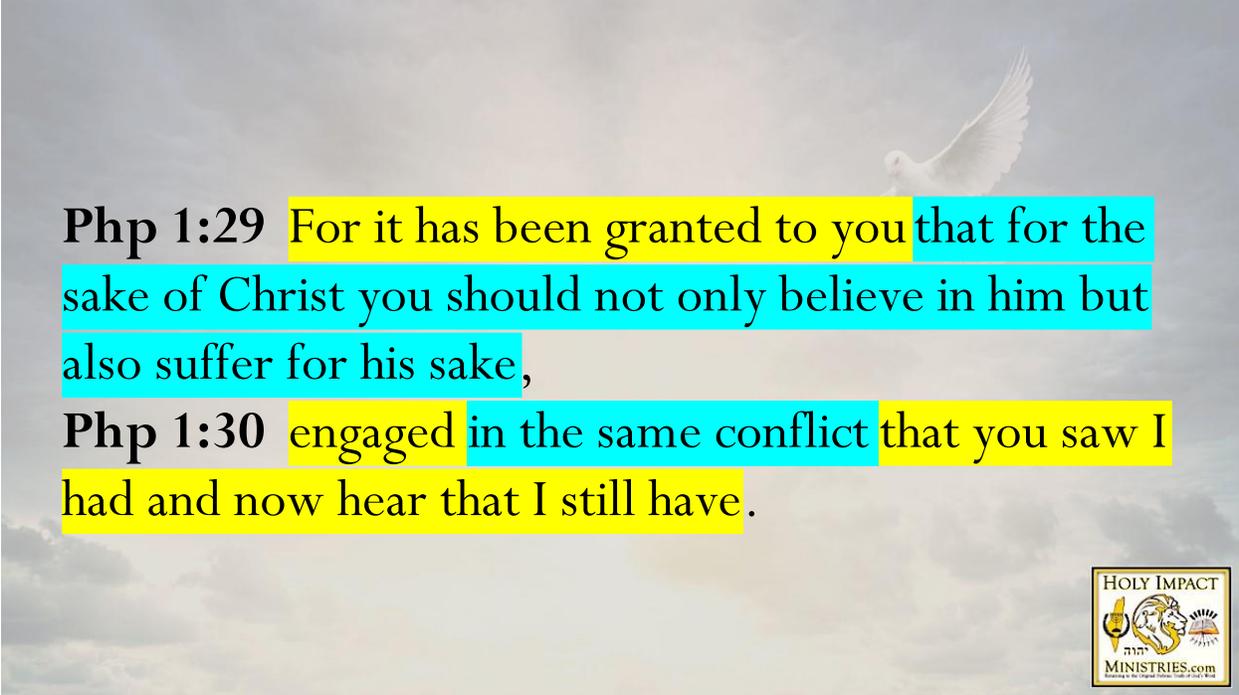
My friends we are now living in the end days and the sand is leaving the hourglass. We don't have time to preach and teach a touchy-feely

emotionally driven euphoric gospel of goblins. It is past time that true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians get up off their blessed assurances and start preaching and teaching the whole word of God not just half of it!

The prophets warned the house of Israel how many times? How many prophets were sent shouting from the rooftops? And what did they do to those prophets? They murdered them. And why did they murder them? They murdered them for being the warriors that they were that's why they murdered them. They murdered them because they spoke the truth. They walked away from them because they spoke the truth. They despised them because they spoke the truth. And they didn't want to hear it. And I tell you the truth... the same thing is going on this very day. There are those who don't want to hear the truth, all they want to hear is what their itching ears want to hear.

My friends, it is written that he who puts his hands to the plow and looks back is not worthy.

I have had people tell me that you're full of the truth brother and we love you brother, and we've learned so much from you brother, and you've really brought us up in the Lord brother, but we don't like your being the warrior that you are. We don't like being told that we're going to have persecution. We don't like being told that we are called to suffer just like our Messiah was called to suffer. **Philippians 1:29-30 (scrn 4)**



Php 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

Php 1:30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



I have no idea who they think I am. I have no idea who's word they think I'm preaching. I have no idea what choice they think I have. My Father in heaven is called me to preach the word that he has given me not the word that I want to make up or cut, copy and paste together.

It's either the whole word or it's not the word at all. The reciprocation of the love of God must be taught in the house of God. It's not all about his love for us. It's also about our love for him. How selfish can we be? It's all about reciprocation. And those who do not teach it and do not preach it are doing him no service at all nor are they doing God's people any service at all.

My friends, it's time to wake up not go to sleep. Once you put your hands to the plow, why would you look back? Why would you turn back to a touchy feely emotionally driven euphoric gospel of vanity created by men? I tell you the truth, the devil is like a prowling lion, and he is always lurking in the shadows to see who it is that he can drag away. And we have seen this time and time again within our own ministry. Good God-fearing people who once knew the truth but were drug away

by the one who loves to dress himself up like an angel of light to deceive if possible... even the very elect.

How sad. How sad. How heartbreaking, how heart-wrenching.

Reciprocation my friends... Never forget that the reciprocation of our love is indeed important to our Father in heaven. You either have that reciprocation, you either understand that reciprocation, you are either involved in that reciprocation through obedience... or you are not and if you are not, you are a walking dead man. You are part of the zombie apocalypse, and you don't even know it.

Be careful my friends. Be careful who it is that you listen to. Read your Bible for yourself. Know the word of Yehovah for yourself. I can always tell a vanity filled Christian by the way they always talk about how much god loves them and nothing else. And that my friends is because they think in their small minds that its all about them.

Many are called but only few are chosen. Strait is the gate and narrow is the path but only few there be that find it. And why is that? Because only few can bear to hear the truth and even fewer can keep the truth that they hear.

The book of Deuteronomy is chocked full of biblical truth that has extended from the beginning of time to this very day. The reciprocation of the love of Yehovah God our Father should be the pinnacle of what we teach not the tail of what we teach. And the wrath of Yehvoah upon the wicked who know nothing of reciprocation will come make no mistake about it. It's not as much about weather or not God is with us... it's more about whether or not we are we with him.

But as for now we will close the books so that we can think about and meditate about and pray over what it is that we have just read here within the word of Yehovah our Father.

But we will return next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern Standard Time to continue our study into the Torah in the book of Deuteronomy so that we may continue to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world that our Messiah has called us to be. And we look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern Standard Time.

But until that time, I will do as I always do, and I will ask that everyone within the sound of my voice clean 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, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon-coming kingdom together.