

3rd Quarter – Week 4

(Moses Speaking to Israel – Moses Prepares to Depart)

Day 1 Deuteronomy 4	Key Thoughts: • Moses encourages Israel to obey God's Word. Obedience involves listening, not changing God's Word and learning from past mistakes. Keeping God's laws will be a witness to the surrounding nations (4:1-8). • Moses calls on Israel to remember Mount Sinai and the giving of the Ten Commandments. He encourages them to recall the duty of transmitting faith and never forgetting who God is (4:9-12). • Moses tells the people to beware of idolatry (4:13-19) and make sure to see God as a consuming fire and a jealous God (4:20-24). • Moses speaks of the future and warns of spiritual failure. Thankfully, God is merciful and stands as the One True God (4:25-40). • Sanctuary cities are commemorated to allow accidental deaths to be judged fairly (4:41-49). Jesus Christ: Jesus called out Israel for adding human traditions to the Word of God (Mark 7:13).
Day 2 Deuteronomy 5	Key Thoughts: • Moses calls on Israel to listen, learn and follow God's statutes. He then lists the ten commandments (5:6-21). • Moses reminds the people of the fear of the Lord. Remember the fear of the voice of God, the darkness with the fire of God, and the fear of death because of the fire (5:22-27). • God was pleased with the reverence the people showed and desired it to continue. The people of Israel went back to their tents while Moses stayed to receive the commandments of God. The chapter ends with an exhortation to walk in the ways of God (5:28-33). Jesus Christ: Jesus did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17).
Day 3 Deuteronomy 6	Key Thoughts: • Moses exhorts Israel to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind in order to enjoy life in the promised land (6:1-5). • Israel is told to pass the commands of God on to the next generation (6:6-9). • Moses warns against forgetting the Lord and allowing pride to take them away from worshipping God (6:10-19). • Explaining the faith to future generations involves being ready to answer questions and living a life of faith in God and His commands (6:20-25). Jesus Christ: Jesus quoted the "Shema", Deuteronomy 6:5, as the greatest of all the commandments (Matt. 22:37-38; Mark 12:30).

Day 4 Deuteronomy 7	Key Thoughts: • Israel is commanded to destroy the seven nations in the promised land and make no treaties with them. They are not to intermarry with them and they are to destroy all pagan idols (7:1-5). • God explains his choice of Israel over other nations. Israel is chosen because of God's grace and He will be faithful to them (7:6-16). • The pagan nations should not be feared, especially when they remember God's deliverance from Egypt. God will drive out the nations. Israel is to destroy the pagan idols and not bring them into their homes. Jesus Christ: Through Jesus Christ the Church is "Holy to the Lord"(1 Peter 2:9).
Day 5 Deuteronomy 8	Key Thoughts: • Israel is reminded of their wilderness wanderings. The reminder is a call to obey and stay humble before God. The manna should teach them that every Word from God is more important than physical bread. God provided for them even in the chastening (8:1-5). • The blessings of the promised land are set forth. Fear God and walk in His ways in a rich fertile land, which is overflowing with resources. And, be sure to thank and praise God for His provisions (6:6-10). • Be warned, do not forget God when your wealth grows. Remember, everything God has done for you in the past and continue to recognize His provision. If you forget and take credit for the gains, it will lead to your destruction (8:11-20). Jesus Christ: When Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 in Matthew 4:4.
Day 6 Deuteronomy 9	Key Thoughts: • God assures Israel of victory over greater and stronger nations. It was not because of Israel's righteousness but because of the wickedness of the pagan nations and God's promises to Abraham, Issac, and Jacob (9:1-6). • Israel is reminded of their past rebellion. Moses highlights the Golden Calf rebellion to encourage faithfulness to the Lord (9:7-21). • A history of continued rebellions are listed. Every time Israel refused to believe and obey God, they incurred the wrath of God. Moses intervened for God's people asking God to remember His Covenant and show mercy (9:22-29). Jesus Christ: Moses foreshadowed a greater mediator (Heb. 7:25).