

3rd Quarter – Week 7

(Final Legal Instructions – Rise of Joshua)

Day 1 Deuteronomy 25-26	Key Thoughts: • Moses continues to set forth legal instructions. Judges are to be fair in their sentencing. The punishment should fit the crime. Workers should be paid a fair wage. It is the responsibility of a brother to marry his childless brother's widow to maintain the family name. He was to model sacrificial love. The businessman should be honest in all his dealings (25:1-16). • The account of the Amalekites attacking the weak in Israel is given to set an example of what not to do (25:17-19). • God desires offerings of first fruit coupled with gratitude. They were also to give to take care of the needy. In all of these things, remember to follow God's commands wholeheartedly as God has chosen Israel to be His people (26:1-19). Jesus Christ: Jesus is our kinsmen redeemer bringing us back to restore His bride.
Day 2 Deuteronomy 27	Key Thoughts: • Moses instructs Israel to build a monument with the law plainly upon them. They were also to build an altar for offerings (27:1-8). • Moses commands the people to listen to the Lord and obey Him. Six tribes are commanded to proclaim the blessings of God, and six tribes are commanded to proclaim the warnings of God (27:9-13). • The Levites recited the moral and social accountability God had set before the people of Israel. Falling short of obeying a Holy God would bring the judgment of God upon them (27:14-26). Jesus Christ: The monument with the law inscribed involved no cut stones and no chisels. It was a picture of approaching God by grace and Christ's sacrifice and not human works and effort.
Day 3 Deuteronomy 28	Key Thoughts: • God will bless Israel for obedience. Blessings for obedience include the land, families, agriculture, and everyday activities. The blessings would also include military victories, financial abundance, and good weather for crops (28:1-14). • God warns of the curses for disobedience. The country, families, agricultural and daily activities will suffer. Mental confusion, sickness, military defeat, social breakdowns, migration to foreign lands, economic collapse, loss of human civility, no peace, and spiritual exhaustion would come upon Israel if they choose to disobey God (28:15-18). Jesus Christ: Jesus is the only one who could keep all of God's commandments making His righteousness being put to our account essential for salvation.

Day 4 Deuteronomy 29	Key Thoughts: • Moses directs Israel to remember God's faithfulness in Moab. Remembering past grace builds faith for the present and the future (29:1-9). • The covenant made with God includes the leaders, the elders, the officers, all the men, woman and children. It covers everyone from all walks of life, and all are held responsible including future generations (29:10-15). • Everyone is warned of worshipping false gods. Moses reminded Israel that God is a jealous God. Sodom and Gomorrah are used as a reminder of God's judgment. Israel must remember the secret things belong to God, but they must obey what is clear and known (29:16-29). Jesus Christ: Jesus is the living Word which helps us to know God better (Col. 1:26-27).
Day 5 Deuteronomy 30	Key Thoughts: • God's faithfulness is shared in restoring those who repent and come back from disobedience with a heart and soul ready to obey. The promise is true for the whole nation and will result in prosperity (30:7-10). • The people are reminded that God's Word is understandable. God always communicates clearly (30:11-14). • Two paths are set before the people. The one path is loving the Lord and obeying Him where you will find blessings. The other path is worshipping other idols which leads to destruction. Moses urges them to choose life (30:15-20). Jesus Christ: Jesus gives the choice of blessings or destruction for all men, when He declares to be the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:5).
Day 6 Deuteronomy 31	Key Thoughts: • Moses announces the ending of his leadership of Israel. Joshua is the man chosen by God to be his successor. Moses reminds them God is their ultimate leader (31:1-8). • Moses writes down the law and instructs the priest and elders to read it before the people. Keeping God's Word before the people is essential to keeping God first (31:9-13). • God warns Moses and Joshua that Israel will break the covenant after Moses dies. God commands Moses to write a song to call people back to repentance. The next chapter in Deuteronomy records the words of the song (31:14-30). Jesus Christ: Moses calls on Israel to be strong and courageous because God will never leave them or forsake them (31:6). Hebrews 13:5 reminds us Christ will never leave us or forsake us .