

Deuteronomy Chapter 5

V: 1 “Hear” O Israel...”

- Hear - Hearken: (H-8085). shama', hear intelligently, attention combined with obedience, give ear, hear, listen, be obedient, obey (81x's).
- Statutes & judgments: speaking of the word of God.

“Learn them, keep, and do them...”

- Learn: (H-3925) “lamad” (law-mad); accustomed, expert, instruct, learn, skilful, teach.
- The verb describes learning war, training for war.

2 Timothy 2:15 “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

- Jesus is the truth, so rightly dividing the Word of Jesus.
- Keep: (H-8104). shamar, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; to protect, to beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep, look narrowly, observe, reserve, regard, watch (-man). To watch, to guard, to care for.

Proverbs 4:20-23 ²⁰My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²²For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out if it are the issues of life.”

- Do them: (H-6213) “asah” (aw-saw); to do, to make, to accomplish, to complete.
- This Hebrew verb conveys the idea of performing an activity with a distinct purpose, or a goal in view.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 ³Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”

- Our purpose, our goal is to please God – so we learn the word of God, and we keep the word of God, and we do the word of God.

V: 2-3 The Lord made a covenant, not with the ones that would perish because of rebellion and disbelief, but with their seed, those who would believe and do His commandments.

- This is not a 2nd party relationship, but a 1st party relationship – meaning that it is, and has to be a personal relationship.

Matthew 16:15 “He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am?”

- It should be noted that this covenant, the law, was based on their performance of it, the keeping of the law – which they didn’t keep. The children of Israel, the first generation and all the rest all broke that covenant; they were disobedient, they made idols, they worshipped other gods, they didn’t keep the Law, the broke that covenant.
- God has since made a new covenant, not based on the law. The new covenant is in His blood, the cleansing blood, the cleansing power of Jesus’ blood.
- The new covenant is no longer based on our performance or ability to keep the law, but it is based on His performance to meet the righteous demands of the law.
- Our only role is to believe in the completed work that He has accomplished; He takes care of the rest.
- If we will just believe on Jesus Christ, God will cleanse us of our sins, God will make us His people.
- He imparts His Spirit to us, which gives us the ability to obey His commandments, to keep His statutes, and to walk in His ways.
- The difference is that now it is the work of God within me, by His Spirit. Our role is to simply believe, trusting God to do His work, resting in Him.
- Because the New Covenant is based on God’s faithfulness, His performance, it has stood, and will stand, it cannot fail, because it’s predicated upon God’s faithfulness.
- When Jesus took the bread and the cup, He said, “This cup is a new covenant, in My blood for the remission of sins”. So God has established this new covenant through Jesus Christ, the covenant that stands today.

V: 4-5 The Lord spoke with you – “face to face...” Again, reiterating the personal aspect of the relationship that God wants with His people.

Isaiah 30:21 “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

- Notice all the personal pro-nouns, this is intended to be personal communication – indicative of a personal relationship.

V: 5 A parenthetical break: at one point Moses stepped in, and God spoke to the nation in a corporate, representative sense, through Moses.

- Why? Because they were afraid. For some a personal relationship is just too much, too uncomfortable, too convicting, possibly too revealing, and perhaps my life would have to change.
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V: 6-21 Here is what He said; giving the people the 10 commandments.

V: 6-7 **1st Commandment:** “*LORD*” – Jehovah, Yahweh, the great “I AM”.

- “...*your God*”: Elohim (uni-plural noun) – description, “the master passion, the pre-emanate passion of our lives.”
- Which brought you out of Egypt – reminder, identifier.
- Who, what, and why: Who He is – Yahweh, Jehovah. What He is: God, and why – to be our Saviour, delivering us from bondage and death.

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”

Isaiah 43:11 “I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no Saviour.”

- Our God insists on being our exclusive God. The master passion of our lives, which rules and governs our lives – as such no other passion can be on the same level – He must have the pre-eminence.

Colossians 1:16-18 “¹⁶For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: ¹⁷And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

V: 8-10 **2nd Commandment:** No graven images of anything, not to bow down and worship them.

- No graven images, no likenesses that are made for the purpose of worship. This is not an injunction against art, it’s about what we worship.
- When it comes to the image of God – what do we hang our hat on? “No man has seen Him at any time...”
- Anything they / we could possibly make would fall so far short of the real thing all we can do is mess it up.

Isaiah 40:25 “To whom then will ye liken Me, or shall I be equal? Saith the Holy One.”

- You are not to give your worship to worthless idols.
Isaiah 42:8 “I am the Lord: that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.”

V: 9b Again God declares that He is a jealous God.

- Jealous: (H-7067). qanna', kan-naw';
- Intolerant of unfaithfulness or rivalry (competing for one's love and affection.)
- This word is always used to describe God's attitude toward the worship of false gods, which arouses His jealousy and anger in judgment against the idol worshipers (Deut. 4:24; 6:15).
- So closely is this characteristic associated with God that His name is Jealous (Ex. 34:14).

Exodus 34:14 “For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:”

“Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the 3rd and 4th generation of them that hate Me.”

- This isn't about “generational sin”; speaking of the sins our parents commit and that the children would receive their punishment to the 3rd and 4th generation.

Ezekiel 18:20 “The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”

- What this does refer to is that if we continue in our parents sin, then that judgment will come upon us as well; those that continue in them, continue in the hatred of God.
- This also refers to children that are raised up in an ungodly environment; they are apt to be ungodly and to continue in the path of their parents. The Amalekites and the inhabitants of Canaan are a good example of this.

V: 10 The opposite is true as well. To those that love God, God is merciful, if we change our ways, repent of our sin, if we raise our children in the nurture and admonition of God's word, if our children see us abiding in Him, walking in His ways, that His word is authoritative in our lives – that will effect our children for generations as well.

- Those that love Me & keep My commandments: connection.
- Hate Me / love Me – no middle ground – strong emotions.
- God's grace – the introduction of Jesus into our lives breaks that cycle of sin and death.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

V: 11 **3rd Commandment:** Do not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

- God's name represents God's character and reputation, to honor His name means to honor Him.
- The opposite is true as well, to dishonor His name means to dishonor Him.

How did Jesus teach us to pray?

Matthew 6:9 "... our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

- Invoking the name of God carelessly, without reverence.
 1. "Oh God, Oh God!" - "Oh my God!" (euphemism's) Gosh!
 2. Smashing your finger with a hammer – "Jesus Christ!" Jeeze!
 3. Movies – affirming those that do...
- The name of God is holy and we need to be careful in how we use it or invoke it.
- Men & women who are called by the name of Christ – "Christians" – who misrepresent Jesus in their behavior profane Him, taking His name in vain.

Romans 2:22-24 ²²Thou sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? ²³Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? ²⁴For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written."

- Clincher: The Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.
- If this puts the fear of God in your heart: then good, we should fear Him.
- Pressure to be the perfect cleaners? Walking in the Spirit.
- Also know that we have the empowering of the Holy Spirit to represent Him well and to live that life that He's called us to.

V: 12-15 **4th Commandment:** Keep the Sabbath day, sanctify it.

- Holy: (H6942) “Qdash” - Sanctify, Holy, dedicate, consecrate, separate, to be treated as sacred to set apart for God’s use.
- The Sabbath day will be different, set apart because the other 6 days you will work, but not on this day – not you, nor your wife, or your kids, or your servants.
- God has given us the example of creation, God created things for 6 days, but on the 7th day He rested – an example for us to follow.
- This is the only commandment that is not repeated in the New Testament.
- The Sabbath day was a special sign between Israel and the Lord (Exodus 31:12-17, Ezekiel 20:12, 20) and wasn’t given to any other nation (Psalm 147:19-20).

Exodus 31:12-17 turn to / read.

1. Sabbath day = Saturday, the 7th day.
 2. Sunday is the first day of the week, which is different.
- The early church began to worship God on Sunday, the 1st day of the week in commemoration of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead.

Jesus is our Sabbath, and we worship Him every day.

Colossians 2:16-17 “¹⁶Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: ¹⁷Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body / substance is of Christ.”

- If the Sabbath day of the Old Testament was a shadow of things to come – Then what is that? It was a shadow of the rest that is given us by Jesus, for they that have received Jesus have entered into His rest.

Matthew 11:28 “Come unto Me all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Isaiah 30:15 “For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:...”

- Jesus is that rest, He is the fulfillment of the Sabbath for us.

Romans 14:5 “One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.”

- These 1st four commandment deal with our relationship with God.
- Our relationship with God is the vertical axis of our lives, all the other relationship that we have exist on a horizontal plane. Every other relationship is therefore impacted or influenced by that vertical axis.
- If our vertical axis is out of whack, off balance in some way, then so will everything else be.
- But when our relationship with God is in order, in His will – then we have a stable basis to engage in the other relationships in our lives which will be impacted in a positive way.

This is why Jesus exhorts us:

Matthew 6:33 “... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

- So often there are issues in the horizontal relationships that we struggle to fix or adjust and it's a constant battle that wears us down in frustration (personal relationships, family issues, finances, etc.) – things that will never be right until we correct things in the vertical relationship.
- God knows this, hence the focus first on the vertical relationship in His law first, then the commandments that deal with the horizontal.
- EKG – no vertical = flat line = dead.

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- The first tablet, the first 4 commandments dealing with our relationship with God, the next six commandments, the 2nd tablet dealing with our relationship with our fellow man.
 - If we violated any of the 1st 4 commandments, we were considered un-godly, because they dealt with our relationship with God.
 - If we violated any of the last 6 commandments dealing with our relationships with man, we were considered un-righteous.

Romans 1:18 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”

V: 15 The last part of the 4th commandment about the Sabbath day: “...*remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt...*”

- 2 Things:
 1. Remember where you came from and how you were delivered.
 2. Don't forget what it was like to be a slave.

- Remembering where you came from and how you were delivered, should cause us to be grateful:

Romans 12:1 “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

- Don't forget what it was like to be a slave: Stay humble.

Micah 6:8 “He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

V: 16 **5th Commandment:** Honor thy father and thy mother.

- 1st commandment with a promise, a reward to those who are obedient.
- Long life, and a good life. (Youth worship / despising the aged – the opposite of what God teaches us.).
- If we can learn when we're young to honor our father and mother, it will translate later to honoring our heavenly Father and there is definitely blessing in that.
- We won't always understand our parents and why they do certain things, just like we won't always understand God and why He does certain things.
- “Challenge authority”, values clarification - indoctrination: social experimentation, manipulation – anti God: disastrous results. When the family structure breaks down, the culture is destroyed. We don't have to look too far to see this.
- We see this commandment repeated in **Ephesians 6:2** and **Colossians 3:20**.

Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”

V: 17 **6th Commandment:** Thou shalt not kill, commit murder.

- Previously in both Leviticus and Numbers God made a distinction between murder, justifiable homicide (capital punishment) and un-intentional manslaughter.
- Kill: (H7523). ratsach, raw-tsakh'; to dash in pieces, i.e. kill (a human being), espec. to murder, to slay, pre-meditated, put to death, kill. Slayer 16x's, murder 14x's, kill 6x's.

[Jesus interpreted this commandment the same way:](#)

Matthew 19:18 “... Jesus said, thou shalt do no murder...”

- This verse in Hebrew is only one word so the negative tense and meaning are all communicated with one word in Hebrew, but it takes 4 words in English.

Galatians 5:19-21 ¹⁹“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Why is murder forbidden? 1st addressed in Genesis:

Genesis 9:6 “Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.”

- External vs: internal issues:

1 John 4:20 “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”

- God is the giver of life, and He is the only One who has a right to take it.

Revelation 21:8 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

V: 18 **7th Commandment:** Do not commit adultery.

- God values marriage, God instituted marriage:

Genesis 2:24 “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

- This is the basis of the family which is the basis of our culture and society.
- As with so many things, God intended this to be a model, a type or shadow of things to come – marriage is a foreshadowing of our relationship with Jesus.

Jesus is the Groom, we the church are His bride:

Ephesians 5:25-32 *turn to / read:*

- This is the real issue when it comes to homosexuality:
- Marriage, as defined in the Bible, is between a man and a woman. Marriage is intended to be monogamous and heterosexual.

- As such the marriage relationship is intended to be a typological picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the church.
- Homosexuality is a spiritual picture that adulterates or perverts that typology, it is the opposite of what God describes in nature, and it is most often polygamous.
- Homosexuality is blasphemous because in it man is depicted as finding spiritual intimacy and fulfillment and apart from God, and in a manner in opposition to God's will.
- These things either point to God or not, which takes us back to the 1st commandment.

The penalty for violation of this commandment was death:

Deuteronomy 22:22 “If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 “⁹Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11 “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

- God extends forgiveness for sexual sins like adultery, but He doesn't promise to interfere with the painful consequences of them.

V: 19 **8th Commandment:** no stealing.

- Taking what doesn't belong to us – however small.
- Thou shalt not pirate music or computer programs...

Proverbs 30:7-9 “⁷Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: ⁸Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: ⁹Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.”

Ephesians 4:28 “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

V: 20 **9th Commandment:** No false witness against thy neighbor – no lying.

- Ours is the God of truth:

Psalm 51:6 “Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”

Psalm 15:1-2 “¹Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? ²He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.”

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- God’s people should be known for speaking the truth! (**Ephesians 4:15**)

V: 21 **10th Commandment:** “thou shalt not covet”... thy neighbor’s stuff.

Hebrews 13:5 “Let your conversation / behavior be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

- When we covet other people’s stuff we are in essence saying that God has not met some need or in some way neglected us, expressing dissatisfaction with what He has given us.

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- When we covet in our hearts, it leads us to breaking the other commandments, lying, stealing, murder and adultery and so on.

1 Timothy 6:6 “But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

- If we obey the 1st commandment, truly loving God, obeying Him, worshipping only Him – covetousness won’t be a problem.

1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandment: and His commandments are not grievous.”

James 2:10 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”

Galatians 3:24 “Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

V: 22 Moses is reciting their history:

- God spoke these words to Moses for the nation from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness – “... and He added no more.”
- The Jews would later take these commandments and develop 648 laws regarding the religious and practical affairs of life.
- Torah; Tanakh (Torah, prophets, writings: Masoretic text), Mishnah, Talmud.
- God wrote them on 2 tablets of stone and gave them to Moses.

Exodus 31:18 “And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”

V: 23-24 The people witnessed what happened on Mount Sinai:

1. They had seen the glory and greatness of God.
2. They heard His voice out from the midst of the fire.
3. They saw, acknowledged that God speaks with men.

John 10:27 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

Revelation 2:7 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;”

- Jesus wouldn't say these things if it weren't possible for us to do so.

V: 25-26 To the children of Israel this is an overwhelming experience.

- They are afraid of dying – perishing in the presence of the Lord.
- They are experiencing “the fear of the Lord”.

Isaiah had the same experience:

Isaiah 6:5 “Then said I, woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

- They ask a rhetorical question: what other people has heard the voice of the Lord and lived?
- The answer is none has – they are special.

V: 27-28 You go! They want an intermediary. It sounds like they're chickening out.

- Whatever He tells you, we'll do – that part sounds good; just you go and hear it and let us know.
- The Lord heard; He always does.

Malachi 3:16 “Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name.”

- Unknowingly they are asking for God's will, the same as Job prayed: they were asking for an intermediary between themselves and a Holy and Righteous God.

Job 9:33 “Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.”

- What they are really asking for is exactly what Paul describes:

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

- Moses ends up being a type or shadow of Jesus.

Romans 8:34 “Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”

V: 28b *“They have well said all that they have said...”*

1. They have declared that they will be obedient.
2. They have indicated their need for an intermediary.

V: 29 Here we see the heart of God, His desire for them to truly fear Him and keep His commandments, that it would go well with them – that they would be blessed.

- This is really a lament, because God knows not only what they are saying, but what they will eventually do.

Psalms 119:165 “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”

- God wants to bless His people, He delights to bless His people but it is possible for us to put ourselves outside of God's blessing through our own actions. God is gracious, God is merciful – and He is righteous and holy.

V: 30-31 It's almost like, "go put the kids to bed, and we'll talk a little bit."

- Moses' direction:
 1. Hear what God says, all his commandments, statutes, and judgments.
 2. Teach them to the children of Israel.
- The same thing that Jesus instructed Peter:

John 21:15-17 Peter, do you love Me? Yes Lord. Feed My sheep...

Paul:

Acts 20:26-28 ²⁶Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. ²⁸Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood."

Isaiah 28:9-10 ⁹Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. ¹⁰For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

V: 32-33 No variation to the right or to the left. Why?

- That you may live, that it may be well with you, that you may have long life...

Psalms 119:16 "I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word."