

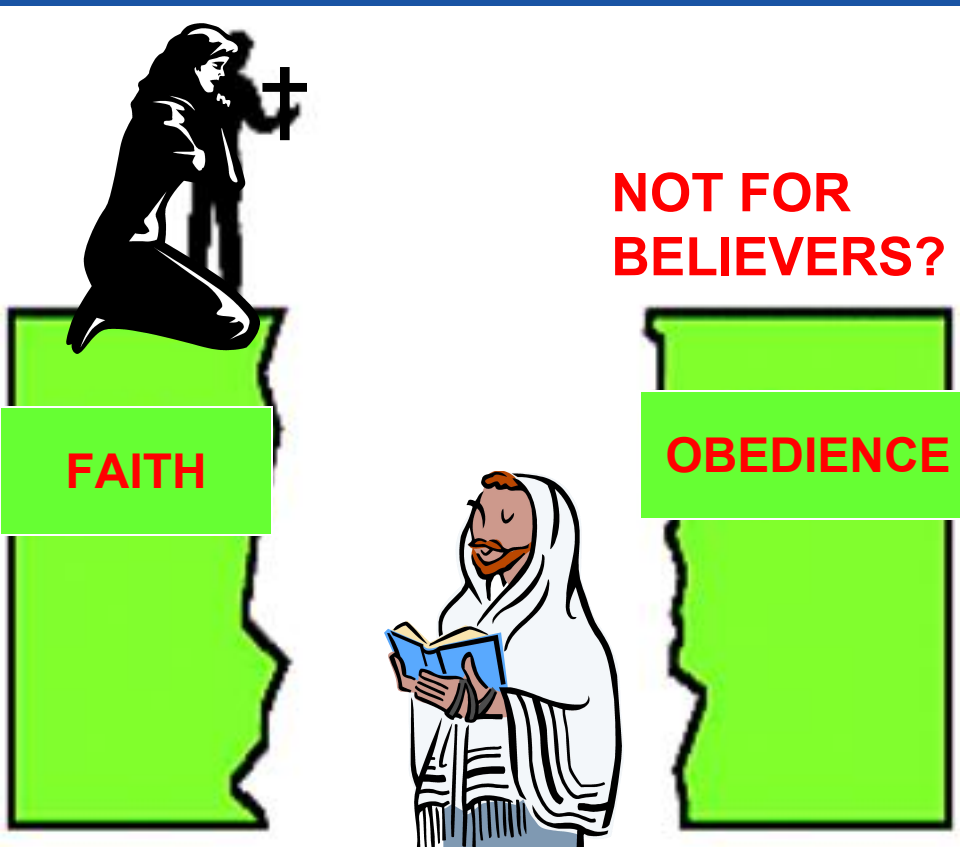
DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 8

“...the commandments are the practical expression of our awareness of God...”

- Deuteronomy is essentially a sermon from Moses
- Observance of God's laws IS the expression of LOVE that the Lord expects
- Obedience must be to something tangible and real; His Laws
- Obedience to His commands is NOT legalism



OUR JEWISH BROTHERS ARE WATCHING



- NT in no way establishes a new religion based on emotionalism
- 6 in 10 people who attend Church regularly give NOTHING!
- 19 out of 20 people who attend Church regularly NEVER volunteer their time!
- A valid reflection of lack of active obedience

OBEDIENCE= LIVING THE REDEEMED LIFE



- Matt. 7:21 “...not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord..I never knew you, depart from Me....”
- ONLY those who “DO the will of My Father...”
- What is lawlessness?
- The ONLY law is the Law of Yehoveh!

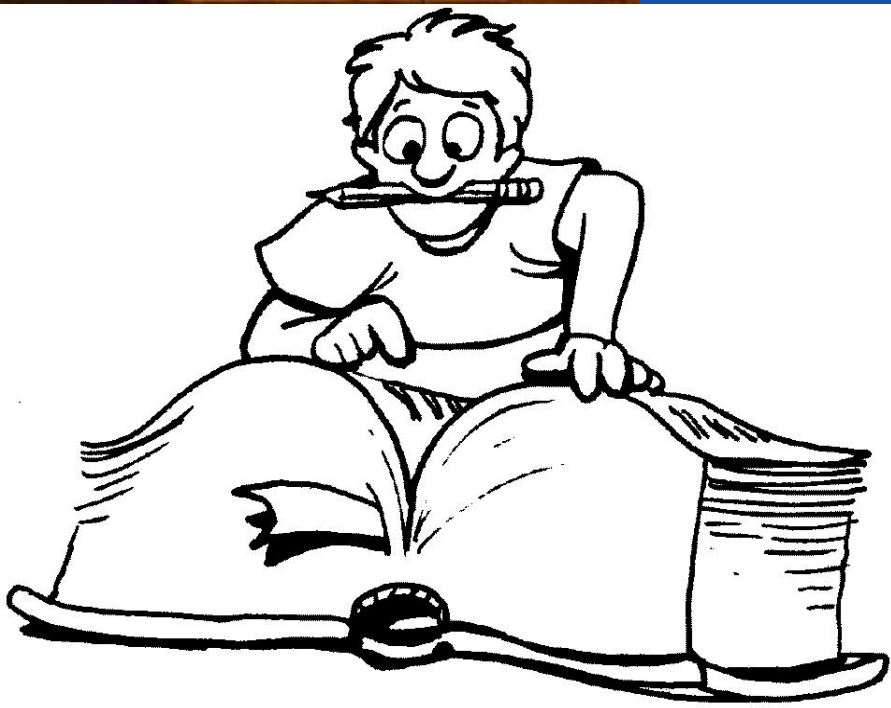


ISRAEL KEEPING THEIR INHERITANCE IS CONDITIONAL UPON OBEDIENCE

- A quid pro quo
- IF..... THEN
- Possession of the Land, and abundance IN the Land depends on obeying God's commandments
- "Obedience to God" MEANS obedience to His commands
- The Written Word is our everyday source for knowing God's will



THE BIBLE IS OUR PRIMARY SOURCE



- If we think we've received a "word from the Lord" in our Spirit, it **MUST** agree with the written Word!
- **2Tim.3:16** *"All Scripture is inspired by God....to be equipped for every good work..."*
- The **ONLY** Scripture that existed in NT times was the OT!
- Bible **NEVER** makes works out to be legalistic

FOLLOW OUR HEARTS?

PAUL SAYS: "I DO THAT WHICH I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.....I DO THE VERY THING I HATE!"

- **NAS Jeremiah 17:9** *"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"*
- The evil inclination within us was NOT destroyed at Salvation!
- We will struggle with this all of our lives
- We must look to the WORD, God's commands, not to our own thoughts or goodness



REMEMBER!!

- Remembering the lessons of the Wilderness journey is critical when they reach the Promised Land
- Wilderness journey acknowledged as a shadow of a future deliverance of a Believer
- Many of the Laws only useful **INSIDE** the Promised Land
- The Laws were **NOT** abolished upon entering their inheritance



ISRAEL IS TO AVOID BECOMING PROUD



- ***Vs. 17 “...by the might of my own hand have won this wealth for me....”***
- **Moses says the ONLY reason the Lord is giving all this abundance to Israel is a promise made to the Patriarchs!**
- **It’s not natural for us to give God all the credit for the good things in life**

DEUTERONOMY 9: HEAR AND OBEY!



- *Shema !*
- God will be the victor of the Holy War
- Israel is just the Lord's proxy for His wrath
- Canaanite Kings were prepared for Israel's attack
- Anakites = tall, big warriors

VS.4 Do not think “*the Lord has enabled us to possess this Land because of our virtues*”



- Rather.... “*It is because of the wickedness of those nations that the Lord is dispossessing them...*”
- The Lord says the Hebrews are not especially virtuous, or have their deeds earned them special merit
- **ONLY** the Lord God is truly righteous
- **Tzedek** = righteous

WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- Good, normal, standard
- Legal standing, the innocent person is ***“in the right”***
- God’s righteousness means He is ALWAYS ***“in the right”***
- The Holy War in Canaan was to replace ***“what is wrong”*** with ***“what is right”***
- Israel NOT inherently born ***“in the right”***, nor the Canaanites inherently born ***“in the wrong”***
- Rather, this is the Lord working out HIS OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS!

NO HUMAN is BORN INHERENTLY RIGHTEOUS

- No nation or family inherently “in the right” and another inherently “in the wrong”
- Why Israel? Why me?
- NOT by Cosmic chance
- NOT by self-appointment
- Israel chosen by God
- Believers chosen by God
- We DO NOT KNOW how the selection is made!
- Israel used to punish the wicked for God
- The wicked nations used to discipline Israel for God
- Our ONLY claim for election: God’s sovereignty

