

## **Book Tour 2018 (Deuteronomy)**

### It is What It Is!

Deuteronomy 4:1-8

**God's Word is true.** God's Word is sharp and good. I will tell others of its great power **so that He will receive all worship and power in our life.**

**Introduction:** When the Book of Deuteronomy was delivered it was given to a people that was 40 years removed from the deliverance from bondage in Egypt.

A. Everyone that Moses was giving these words to were either born in the wilderness or at the very oldest ten agers when they left Egypt.

1. It was an entirely different people with a different mindset Moses was about to die Joshua was about to become the leader.

➤ But what had not changed was God and His promises!

B. God was going to give His people the land that He promised!

1. Church times change, people change, circumstances change, but God's promises are unaffected by a changing world attitude!

➤ It doesn't matter if man changes His attitude toward the character of God it doesn't change!

■ Much of the Book of Deuteronomy is about Moses reiterating to this new generation that very thing that the God that delivered them from their bondage is Holy and He is God and He will keep His promise and He expects His people to be His people!

**Transition:** In our text this morning Moses is urging and warning the people concerning continuing to follow the precepts of God!

A. Now remember many of these folk were not there when God stuck Egypt with the plagues and parted the Red Sea and Moses came down from the

mountain with the Commandments these folks have grown up in the wilderness believing the words of their fathers concerning their God they were walking by faith.

1. They were going to follow Joshua into battle believing that God was leading Joshua and they would be given the land God had promised they were following by faith!

➤ Moses warns them: Don't change what God has given you!

#### I. **God Word Doesn't Need Fixed Verse 1-2 READ**

A. The world is so guilty of this!

1. The world recognizes the Bible God's Word as a historical book maybe even with some religious significance but they take out the parts that it can't explain!
  - How can Creation happen how something come from nothing!
  - How can someone be born of a virgin!
  - How can someone be raised from the dead!
  - Even water to wine!

➤ Ok Maybe I should steal or lie or commit adultery but what harm is it to take the Lord's name in vain?

B. But here is the thing Moses was not addressing the world He was addressing God's people!

1. Have we become a generation that picks and chooses that adds and takes away from the precepts of God?
2. Church I hear nearly as many Christians use Jesus name in a vain way that has nothing to do with who He is.
  - Seminaries are teaching around the virgin birth
  - Bible Colleges are combining creation with evolution

- Churches are endorsing homosexuals in leadership positions in the church
  - Churches are teaching just believe feel good about yourself and live however makes you happy and feel good.
- C. But there are those that have erred on the other side as well.
1. In the name of the church they have added rules and judgements and condemnation that simply are not the Word of God.
- That's called legalism and Moses warned them not to add as well!
2. God's Word established His precepts not the man in the pulpit!
    - Listen your heart, the Holy Spirit of God lives in us and you will know!
- My Mom (And thank you for your prayers she is doing better) explained it to me this way would you do it or say it if Jesus with you, because He is!

**Transition: God's Word doesn't need to be fixed because we live in a different time in a different circumstance.**

- Moses continues: he tells them your eyes have seen what the Lord has done!

## II. **God's Word Is All You Need to Live Verse 4-5**

- A. Now even though this generation was not the generation that had been delivered from Egypt they had seen the hand of God feed them every day and protect them and they had even seen Him discipline for not obeying His precepts.
1. Church let me just say here that it is a dangerous thing to mock God!
    - God's Word says that He will not be mocked that whatever a man sows that is what he will reap!

- Let that soak in a minute and see if that is not a dangerous position to be in!
- 2. In verse 4 Moses says you have held fast to the Lord your God and you are alive!
- In other words in is God that has gotten you this far!
  - Listen Church if we want to live then we need to hold on to God!
  - If we want to live then we need to hold on the precious Word of God!
- **Pastor I have heard all that before tell me something new and inspirational Church that all I got!**
  - **The Word of God is all we need to live!**
- **Faith comes from hearing and hearing and hearing from the Word of God and everything hinges on our faith in Christ alone!**
  - B. You have seen with your eyes the life of those that chosen to follow Baal which is simply false gods or the world.
    - 1. Lives are destroyed by sin , the wages of sin is death but holding fast to the Lord is life!

**Transition: God's Word does not need to be altered to meet our situation, God's is absolutely all we need.**

- A. **And a life lived in the precepts of God's Word is the greatest witness you will ever have.**
- III. **God's Word in Your Life is A Witness Verse 6-8 READ**
  - A. Not only did Moses want this generation to not vary from the Lord's commands but he wanted that wisdom to carry on for others to see.
    - 1. Church we are failing the next generation!
      - As we tolerate the things that we tolerate in our homes we are cheating our cheating our children out of the truth!

- When we tell our children that things are wrong to do (because we know they are) but they see and hear us doing them we are destroying them!
  - Well I am just going to go ahead and say when we show are kids that it is important to pray, or go to church unless something else becomes more important than we are teaching worship is really important but there are exceptions.
- What about your neighbor?
  - The people you work with?
  - Your wife?
  - Your husband?
- **6 So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' Deuteronomy 4:6**
    - B. The people around us need to see us call upon our God with faith and believing.
      1. God knew that His people were going to go through many trials many difficult times but that with Him they were a great people!
        - It would prove to be true as long as they were obedient they conquered great nations!
      2. All throughout scripture God's people are undefeated!
    - Listen We often say we want others to see Christ in us, we want to be a witness for Christ, we want our children, our grandchildren to know Christ what are we showing them what do they see in us?

**Closing: Let me just close with these thoughts**

- A. Moses was passing on a warning he was urging the people:

1. Don't mess with the Commands of God!
    - Don't mess with the Word of God church never let us be guilty of trying to fit God's Word into our situations!
  2. Moses urged the people you have followed the Lord and you have live the other didn't and they are destroyed.
    - God's Word is everything that we need to live!
  3. The Greatest thing that we can do with our life is live for God as it leaves a witness for all those around us of the great God that we serve.
- This morning maybe a morning of restarts...