

/We will begin the fourth lecture on Deuteronomy. / The Word of God for today is Deuteronomy chapter 5. / The title for this chapter is “The Ten Commandments.” /First, the Israelites must keep the covenant. / Verses 1-6./ Second, God gives the Israelites the Ten Commandments./ Verses 7-21.

/Third, the Israelites request that Moses be their mediator./ Verses 22-27./ Fourth, God encourages the Israelites through Moses. / Verses 28-33. / Let us start from verse 1.

/Read verse 1. /Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them.

/We should closely follow God’s decrees and commands. / In Revelation 1:3,/ it says, “Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it.”/ We must attentively hear, learn, and take heart the Word of God.

/Read verses 2-3. / The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. It was not with our ancestors that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today.

/God made a covenant with the Israelites in Mount Horeb. / God also made a covenant with the ancestors of the Israelites. / Exodus 19:1/ Yet, that covenant was not only for the ancestors, but also for their descendants as well.

/God gave the covenant not only to their ancestors, but to their children as well. / We must believe that God gave his Word directly to us and obey.

/Read verse 4. / The Lord spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain.

/God appeared at Mount Horeb and spoke to Moses. / The Israelites became afraid by God’s presence.

/They were greatly afraid and asked Moses to be the mediator between God and them. / Thus, Moses became the mediator. / Exodus 19:21-25/ Galatians 3:19

/Hence, God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites through an angel and through Moses. / Today, our Mediator is Jesus Christ. / We have been saved through Jesus Christ.

/Read verse 6. / “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

/God said that he would lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

/The Ten Commandments are addressed beginning from verse 7. God first said that he had delivered the Israelites out from Egypt before giving them the Ten Commandments.

/After God delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, he commanded them to keep the Ten Commandments. / He did not say, “I will deliver you only if you keep the commandments.” / God delivered the Israelites first and then told them to keep the commandments.

/We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. / We, who are saved through faith, / must keep the commandments. / Exodus 20:3-17 is also about the Ten Commandments. / Exodus 20:3-17

/Read verse 7. / “You shall have no other gods before me.

/God said that we must not serve other gods besides God. / We must serve God only. / This commandment tells us who the true subject of our worship should be. / This commandment tells us the true subject of worship. / Our God is the only God.

/He is the true God. / Leviticus 6:4/ 1 Timothy 6:15-16/ All other gods are idols and the devil. / 1 Corinthians 8:4-6/ No one can serve both God and the devil at the same time. / We must serve our only true God. / Matthew 4:10/ Joshua 24:15

/Read verse 8./ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

/Through the second commandment, God tells us how to properly worship. / The proper way of worship. / John 4:24/ Idolatry is the creation of a physical form of our objects of worship. / It is to make a physical form of what we want to worship.

/God is Spirit. / Therefore, we must not make any physical forms of God and serve it.

/We must not make any forms of idols. / We must not bow down to them. / We must not serve them. / We must not sell forms of idols even if we do not serve them.

/We must not bow down to them even if we do not worship them. / We must obey the commandments, “do not worship,” “do not make,” and “do not bow down to” them. / Deuteronomy 4:15-19/ Daniel 3:16-18

/Here in verse 9, God says he is a jealous God. / God is a God of jealousy. /God’s jealousy does not stem from greed. / This jealousy does not come from the desire to be loved, but rather to love.

/Such jealousy comes from holy love. / This is why God cannot tolerate his loving children serving idols. / All idols are false. / Therefore, we must not worship them.

/The Bible says that a father’s sins flows down to the third and fourth generations. / This means that the third and fourth generation children of that family must pay for their father’s sins. / For example, if a father loses all his properties as a result of gambling, / and even though the children have done no wrong, they will also become poor.

/However, it also says that to parents who keep the commandments, God will show his love down to a thousand generations. / Children should not follow their father’s example and commit sins just like him./ If they do so, they will also face destruction. / God’s favor flows down even to a thousand generations.

/The effects of the parents’ faith flows down for generations. / If the ancestors keep their faith, their children will receive blessings. / Abraham’s descendants were blessed through his faith.

/Read verse 11. / “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

/It says to not misuse the name of the Lord our God. / This teaches us the proper attitudes in worship. / Ecclesiastes 5:1-2/ Revelation 15:4/ Here the word “misuse” refers to thoughtlessness and lies. / We must not thoughtlessly call upon the name of God.

/We should not call out, “Lord, Lord,” if we do not believe in God. / It is wrong to pray formal prayers and worship if it is without faith./ Isaiah 29:13-14. / We must never abuse the name of God.

/Also we must not use God’s name for personal gain. / We must call upon the name of God with fearful hearts.

/Read verse 12./ “Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you.

/It says to keep the Sabbath day holy. / In the Old Testament period, people rested on the seventh day. / It was the day of celebration for God's creation./ God created the heavens and the earth for six days and rested on the seventh.

/We must toil and work hard for six days. / 2 Thessalonians 3:10. / During the Old Testament times, people rested on the seventh day. / Leviticus 23:3/ Numbers 15:32-36 /32-36 / Jeremiah 17:22-27/ No one was allowed to do business on this day. / Nehemiah 10:31/ Nehemiah 13:15-21/ Nehemiah 13:15-21/ Isaiah 58:13-14

/The Sabbath was a holy day, a day for rejoicing./ No one entertained themselves on this day./ They did not entertain themselves with trivial things. / However, the Sabbath day was changed to the Lord's Day during the New Testament period. / Hebrews 4:4/ Hebrews 7:18

/We must keep Sundays as days to worship God. / The master of the Sabbath is our Lord. / Matthew 12:8/ This is the day when the Son, Jesus Christ was resurrected. / Now in the New Testament period, we must keep Sundays as the first day of the week. / This is the day the Lord was resurrected. / Matthew 28:1

/This is the day the Holy Spirit came down. / Acts 2:1/ It is the day God revealed himself to us. / Revelation 1:10/ Jesus' disciples also kept the Lord's Day holy. / John 20:19-25/ Acts 20:7/ 1 Corinthians 16:2 / Therefore, we must keep the Sabbath holy.

/However, we should not only keep it ourselves, but also with our own family members. / We must also let the male and female servants, as well as the livestock rest. / Leviticus 23:3/ Numbers 15:32/ Numbers 15:32

/Read verse 16. / "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

/The fifth commandment says to honor your parents. / The first four commandments are about God/ and the remaining six concern humans. / It is divided into ethics concerning God and ethics concerning humans.

/The very first commandment concerning humans is to "honor your parents." / It says to submit to the authority of parents. / We must respect and obey our parents. / Yet, obedience must be done in Jesus. /Ephesians 6:1-2

/Honoring parents is a must. / Obedience is done in Jesus. / We should not obey our parents if it contradicts the Word of God. / If they are not in opposition of the Word, we should honor and obey our parents.

/It also says that honoring one's parents would lead to long life. / This means that there will be long life/ and prosperity, and not come to destruction. / Proverbs 1:8/ We must obey our parents.

/Parents have much experience in life. / They have experienced success and failure. / Thus, obeying our parents will not lead to failures.

/Today, parents are ignored and disrespected. / It is a time when people love themselves, / money,/ and pleasure,/ and they reject their parents. / 2 Timothy 3:1-4/ These are the signs of the last days. / Proverbs 30:12/ Deuteronomy 27:16

/Read verse 17./ "You shall not murder.

/It says you shall not murder. /We must not kill other people.

/Jesus explained the fundamental concept of murder. / Matthew 5:21-22 / Hating one's brother is considered murder as well. / 1 John 3:15

/Insulting a brother by calling him "raca" is equivalent to committing murder. / Calling him "pathetic"/ is also considered committing murder./ Thus, we must not defame or slander others.

/We must love even our enemies. / Leviticus 29:18/ Romans 12:20 / We must hate the sin but love the sinner. / Furthermore, committing suicide is also committing murder. / Abortion is murder as well.

/Committing murder with one's own hands is considered homicide. / Yet, a judge does not commit murder when he or she sentences a murderer to a death penalty. / A soldier is not committing murder when he kills his opponent in war. / A judge who gives a death sentence to a murderer is not committing murder.

/Read verse 18./ "You shall not commit adultery.

/It says that one shall not commit adultery. / This does not include intercourse in marriage. It refers to sexual immorality. / Matthew 5:28/ There is spiritual adultery./ "Spiritual adultery" is when one worships an idol instead of serving God./ James 4:4

/Second is adultery of the heart. / Lusting after a woman is considered committing adultery. / Third is physical adultery. / Committing adultery is a shameful act and its consequence is death. / Proverbs 22:14/ Colossians 3:5-7

/Our body is God's temple. / 1 Corinthians 3:16/ 6:13/ 6:18-19/ 2 Timothy 2:22/ Having sexual intercourse before marriage is considered adultery as well. / A couple should first be legally married and then engage in activities as a married couple. / Malachi 2:15. / Being monogamous is right.

/There were men with many wives in the Old Testament times. / However, it is a violation of the creative order. / People in the Old Testament period were blind to the Word of God. / Thus, polygamy was something God allowed temporarily.

/Read verse 19. / "You shall not steal.

/It says you shall not steal. / Taking someone else's property is stealing and it is sin. / Violating a law,/ committing fraud, / and taking others' possessions/ are all forms of stealing.

/Collecting high interest rates/ is also stealing. / Being lazy and goofing around without working is also stealing. / Ephesians 4:28/ Not offering tithes is stealing as well. / Malachi 3:8

/Everything in heaven and on earth belongs to God. / Psalm 24:1/ Luke 16:9/ We must be just and honest when we work, and we must treat people right. / Leviticus 25:36/ We must always be good stewards.

/All our riches and properties belong to God./ Even our bodies belong to God. / Our children also belong to God. / Thus, we must be good stewards and live and act according to God's will.

/Read verse 20./ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

/It says you shall not give false testimony against your neighbors. / We must not give false testimonies at court. / Luke 23:1

/Also, flattery,/ exaggeration, propaganda, defamation,/ insults,/ and lies about one's innocence/ are all forms of false testimony./ Romans 3:8/ 2 Corinthians 12:20/ Psalm 12:3

/The devil is a liar. / John 8:44/ Our hearts, words, and actions must always be truthful. / Zachariah 8:16/ Psalm 15:3/ Ephesians 4:25/ 1 Peter 3:16/ In every situation we must make correct judgments. / We must use our good conscience to say "yes" to what is right and "no" to what is wrong.

/Read verse 21./ "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor's house or land, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

/It says you shall not covet./ Coveting is idolatry./ Colossians 3:5/ Jesus said we must get rid of our greed. / Luke 12:15/ Greed makes one desire much more than what he or she already owns.

/We must be content and thankful. / 1 Timothy 6:6-8/ We must know our needs and acquire accordingly. / We must not obtain things out of greed. / Psalm 131:1/ The first four commandments are about God. / It means that we must love God.

/The fifth to last commandments concern humans. / That is, it commands us to love our neighbors. / The Ten Commandments tell us to love God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our strength, / and love our neighbors as ourselves.

/Love is the completion of laws. / Romans 13:10/ 1 Peter 4:8/ 1 Corinthians 13:1/ 1 John 3:16/ 1 John 5:3/ Leviticus 19:18/ James 2:8/ James 2:12-13/ We as human beings cannot keep all the commandments. / We also cannot be saved by keeping all the commandments.

/We can only be saved by faith in Jesus Christ. / The commandments make us aware of the sins that exist. / The commandments direct us to Christ. / God's will is in the commandments.

/Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ. / We who are saved by faith must keep and obey God's commandments.

/Read verse 22./ These are the commandments the Lord proclaimed in a loud voice to your whole assembly there on the mountain from out of the fire, the cloud and the deep darkness; and he added nothing more. Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

/God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on two stone tablets./ Fire, cloud, and deep darkness lingered in Mount Sinai and a loud voice was heard. / God personally wrote the Ten Commandments on the stone tablets. /Here lie the words of salvation.

/Read verse 24. /And you said, "The Lord our God has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a person can live even if God speaks with them.

/The Israelites heard the voice of God and they were afraid. / They were afraid that they might die. / Thus, they asked Moses to be their mediator.

/Moses became the mediator between God and the people. / Hence, God spoke to the Israelites through Moses.

/Read verse 28. / The Lord heard you when you spoke to me, and the Lord said to me, "I have heard what this people said to you. Everything they said was good.

/God has heard the words of the Israelites. / God considered the words of the leaders and elders good. /

God heard the words of the elders and the leaders, and deemed Moses as mediator.

/Read verse 29./ Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!

/It says to fear God always. / It says to keep God's commands. / Then one's children will receive blessings for an eternity. / Revelation 1:17/ Isaiah 6:5

/We must keep God's commands. / Not only us, but our children must keep God's commands as well.

/Read verse 30./ "Go, tell them to return to their tents.

/Read verse 31./ But you stay here with me so that I may give you all the commands, decrees and laws you are to teach them to follow in the land I am giving them to possess."

/The Israelites were told to obey God's commands, decrees, and laws in Canaan. / When they obeyed, they would "receive blessings for generations to come." / Even today, the way to receive blessings is to obey the Word of God.

/Read verse 32. /So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left.

/It says not to turn aside to the right or left when it comes to the Word of God. / Revelation 22:18-19

/We must not turn right or left when it comes to the Word of God. / We must walk down the right path. / We must walk according to the Word.

/We must not turn left or right. / We must not add or take away from what is written in the Bible. / We must believe and obey the Word of God as it is.

/Read verse 33./ Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

/It says that obedience to the Word of God will "bring life, blessings, and prosperity." / When we obey the commandments of God, we receive life and blessings. / We also receive prosperity when we obey. / Such blessings will flow down for generations.

/Here in Deuteronomy, many passages mention that obedience to the Word of God bring the blessing of long life. /11:9 /17:20 /25:15 /30:18 /32:47 / Not only will those who obey receive long life, but also their children and future generations as well.

/Moses told the Israelites to keep the commandments of God in Canaan. / Moses encouraged them to do so. / He said that they would enjoy long life if they keep the commandments of God.

/We must obey the Word of God and receive the blessings that will be given not only to us, but to our descendants as well. / We must strive to receive everlasting blessings, and not temporary blessings.

/With this we will conclude the fourth lecture on Deuteronomy. / Thank you.