

/We will now begin the fifth lecture on Deuteronomy. / Today's lecture will begin at Deuteronomy chapter 6./ The title of chapter 6 is "The Path to Prosperity." /First, the way to be prosperous and enjoy a long life./ Verses 1-9./ Second, be vigilant in times of blessings./ Verses 10-15.

/Third, do not test the Lord./ Verses 16-19./ Fourth, teach God's Word to children./ Verses 20-25.

/Read verse 1./ These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

/It says to closely keep the commands, decrees, and laws given by God./ Here the commands, decrees, and laws refer to the Word of God./ Moses encouraged the Israelites./ "Enter Canaan and obey God's Word."

/Read verse 2./ so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

/It says to make sure that you, your children, and your grandchildren obey the Lord's commands. / It says to teach them to fear the Lord. / To fear the Lord is to serve Him in trembling and awe.

/It means to live in reverence to the Lord. / Genesis 22:12/ Abraham offered his only son Isaac because he feared the Lord. / Genesis 31:53/ Thus, if one keeps God's commands, he or she will receive long life and prosperity.

/Our way to success is to keep the commands of God. / If we obey him, God promised that we will live a long life in the land where honey and milk flow. / He also promised that the number would be great.

/Read verse 4./ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

/God said, "the Lord is one." / In John 10:30, Jesus says, "I and the Father are one." / God is one. / The Trinity God is one. /

/He is the only God. / There is no other God besides him.

/Read verse 5./ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

/We must then love God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our strength. / 1 Corinthians 16:22 / "With all our hearts" means to love with all of our affection and attention.

/Next, “with all our soul” means to give every ounce of our character and life. / Then we must love God with “all our strength.” / 1 Corinthians 16:22/ 1 John 4:19/ Therefore, we must love God first and foremost.

/Read verse 6./ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

/It says to engrave the commands onto our hearts. / This means to always remember God’s Word and meditate on them. / This means to not forget the Word of God.

/Read verse 7./ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

/It says to impress, which means to teach children. / Educating children about faith is very important. / Biblical teachings are important as well. / We must educate children about faith in the church and in familial settings. / Moses’ parents educated him until he stopped being breastfed. / Proverbs 22:6

/That is why the verse says to continuously teach children about the Word of God, whether they are at home, out on the road, lying down or getting up. / It means that children must be taught “continuously on a daily basis.”

/ It means to “teach children” in everyday routines, wherever they are, no matter what time it may be.

/Read verse 8./ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

/ It says to tie the Word of God on our hands. / This means that everything we do with our hands must be done “according to the Word of God.”/ It means that all that the hands can do and perform, do it according to the Word of God.

/It also says to bind the Word of God on our foreheads. / It means that God’s Word should be the standard by which we see and think. / God’s Word should be the standard of our daily thoughts and plans.

/Read verse 9./ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

/It says to write God’s Word on the doorframes of our houses and on our gates. / We must remember God’s Word when we enter our homes and also when we exit our homes. /This tells us that we must always remember God’s Word wherever we may be, whether we are in our houses or at work.

/The Word of God must be the standard, and we must always remember the Word. / We must serve God

only./ We must strive to learn his Word and diligently teach them to our children.

/Then our children will set God's Word as their standard and live in faith. / Then God promises longevity and prosperity to our children.

/Read verse 10./ When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build,

/God said to the Israelites that if they obey God in Canaan, the land God promised to their forefathers, he would grant them a good life. / Deuteronomy 7:8/ Deuteronomy 9:5

/God also promised to give them large and flourishing cities if they obeyed his commands.

/Read verse 11./ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied,

/God said that if they lived in faith, he would give them flourishing cities and houses filled with all kinds of good things./ God also promised that he would give them wells that did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves they did not plant.

/He also promised that their stomachs will be filled. / All of this is God's grace. / Therefore, we must be careful when we are satisfied and filled with blessings. / Proverbs 30:8-9/ Philippians 4:11/ Luke 6:24

/It is easy to become proud when we live in abundance. / We become slacking and self-indulging. / We must then go closer to God when we live in abundance.

/Read verse 12./ be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

/In times of abundance or difficulties, we must remember that God is with us. / The Israelites lived as slaves in Egypt. / Yet, God will now uplift and keep the promise that the Israelites would live in Canaan.

/We must give thanks as we remember our past. / How difficult and sorrowful our lives were! / We must give thanks for the grace God has given us. / We were once slaves to the devil before we came to believe in Jesus. / We were under the slavery of sin.

/We were also slaves to death. / To such slaves like us, God granted salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. / Thus, we must remember our origins and be grateful. / We must not forget about God. / We must then live in fear of God and for God.

/Verses 14-15. / Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

/It says not to follow other gods. / This means that we must not follow the world. / We must serve God only. / There is no life in other gods. / 1 John 2:15-16

/Read verse 16. / Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah.

/Read verse 17. / Be sure to keep the commands of the Lord your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

/The Israelites tested God in Massah. / Exodus 17:7 / They doubted whether or not water would flow out of the rock. / This is to test God. / We must trust that God's commands will be fulfilled as he commanded.

/God promised long life in Canaan if the Israelites kept his commands. / Then God said that he would drive out the enemies, the seven tribes from Canaan.

/Read verse 20./ In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?"/

/Children ask the following question. / "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded us?" / Then we must teach them / by answering, "God has delivered us out from Egypt with his mighty power.

/This is so that they would fear God. / Then when they do, they would receive blessings.

/Read verse 21. / tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

/It means that God has driven them out from Egypt with his mighty power. / Then in verse 23, God is going to give them the land he promised them.

/Read verse 24. / The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. /

/When we obey all the decrees of the Lord, we will enjoy his blessings. / Obeying God's commands and fearing him is a blessing.

/Read verse 25. / And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness.”

/Keeping God’s commands results in righteousness. / Believing in Jesus makes one a righteous person. / Also, if we believers continue to keep his commands, we will be clothed more and more in righteousness. /We will also be clothed in the image of God. / Romans 13:14/ Ephesians 4:24

/Let us continue with chapter 7.

/The title of chapter 7 is “The Duty of Holy People.” / First, God places the seven tribes in Canaan into Israel’s hands. / Verse 1 to the first half of verse 2. / Second, God commands the Israelites not to marry or make treaties with the tribes in Canaan. / Second half of verse 2 to verse 5.

/Third, the duties and blessings of holy people. / Verses 6-16. / Fourth, God promises to wipe out the enemies with his great power. / Verses 17-26.

/Read verse 1. / When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—

/God is going to wipe out the seven tribes.

/Read verse 2./ and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally.[a] Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.

/God promised to wipe out the seven tribes of Canaan through the Israelites. / God commanded them to make no treaty with the tribes. / This meant that they should make no promises with the tribes. / This also meant that the Israelites should not marry people of the tribes.

/When one marries someone who worships idols, they will become spiritually defiled. / Then they eventually fall away from God. / Thus, when we enter marriage or businesses, we must do so in faith.

/Read verse 3. / Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,

/We must wed our children with those of the same faith.

/Read verse 4. / for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord’s anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.

/Once one marries an unbeliever, he or she will begin to serve other gods. / Then there will be destruction as a result of sin.

/Read verse 5. / This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire.

/It says to destroy all the idols. / The sacred stones and the Asherah poles must be smashed. / Sacred stones are believed to bring prosperity and are considered the god of man. / The god of man. / Asherah was a female god, which led to belief that she would bring fertility and victory in the battlefield.

/It says to throw away these abominable idols. / In today's time, we must not compromise with heretical teachings and teachings that do not reside in the truth. / We must instead move forward, and obey the Word of God.

/Read verse 6. / For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

/God chose the Israelites.

/Read verse 7. / The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

/God chose the Israelites. / This was not because Israel was a better nation than others. / It was not because Israel had more people in their nation than other nations. / They were not more righteous than others.

/They were chosen because God loved them. / He chose them out of love. / God did not choose them only because he loved them, but he became their God because of his covenant promise with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

/Because God promised their ancestors, he delivered the Israelites out of Egypt. / Today, God has chosen us through Jesus Christ. / We are no better than other people.

/Yet, God loved us and chose us, and saved us through Jesus. / This is the same reason why God delivered the Israelites out of Egypt.

/God chose, / God loved, / and he delivered the Israelites just as he promised.

/Read verse 9. / Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his

covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

/God is a faithful God. / Those who love and keep his commands will receive his blessings for a thousand generations. / God promised to bless a thousand generations.

/However, God punishes those who hate him. / Therefore, we must obey his commands.

/Read verse 12. / If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.

/God pours out his blessings on those who keep his Word just as he promised. / What are the promises and blessings he gives? / First, as God promised, he will keep his covenant of love. / Verse 12.

/Second, God will increase the number of future generations. / First half of verse 13. / God promised the ancestors of Israel that their children would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. / Third, God will abundantly increase the crops of the land. / The middle part of verse 13.

/Fourth, God will increase the livestock. / The last part of verse 13. / Fifth, the Israelites will be free from every disease. / Verse 15.

/Read verse 15. / The Lord will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.

/It says that no disease that plagued Egypt will fall on us when we walk in faith. / This means that God will keep us healthy.

/Therefore, we must not serve any other gods other than our God. / We must not worship idols. / Serving idols will become a trap in itself.

/Read verse 17./ You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?”

/At times the Israelites may have thought such thoughts. / They may have pondered, “The tribes of Canaan outnumber us” and become anxious. / They then began to worry by thinking, “What will we do if the enemies are stronger than us?”

/Read verse 18. / But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt./

/However, God tells them not to fear the tribes of Canaan. / God destroyed the king of Egypt and delivered the Israelites from Egypt. / The same God says he will give victory to the Israelites over the tribes of Canaan.

/Read verse 19. / You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear.

/God delivered the Israelites with great trials, the signs and wonders, and his mighty hand. / Thus, God is telling them not to fear their enemies.

/Read verse 20. / Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished.

/God sent the hornet to the seven tribes of Canaan. / God defeated them with the hornet. / What is this hornet? / They are angels, famine, or diseases.

/King Hezekiah killed a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. / The angel became the hornet and killed the Assyrian men. / 2 Kings 19:35

/Read verse 21. / Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God.

/God told them not to be afraid of the Canaan tribes. / God is an awesome God. / The almighty God is always with us.

/Read verse 22. / The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you.

/God said he would drive out the tribes little by little. / This is because if they are all suddenly eliminated, the wild animals would multiply and become a danger to the Israelites. / Today, we must fight the good spiritual fight.

/What do the seven tribes represent spiritually? / They symbolize the perishables in us.

/We must get rid of the perishables inside of us every day. / We must throw away pride, selfishness, and greed.

/Moreover, these seven tribes also represent heresy. / We must battle with this as well. / We must fight



against the new theology and false beliefs.

/We must only uphold the truth. / We must fight the good fight and courageously win the battle by trusting in God.

/Read verse 23. / But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed.

/God is saying that he will deliver the tribes to the Israelites and give them victory. / He is saying that at the end, all enemies will be destroyed.

/Read verse 24. / He will give their kings into your hand, and you will wipe out their names from under heaven. No one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them.

/God is commanding them to wipe out the kings and people of the seven tribes. / This also refers to complete destroying of sins. / It means to completely pull out the roots of sin.

/Read verse 25. /The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God.

/Next, God is telling them to burn the images of the gods in the fire. / He is telling them to not covet the silver and gold on the gods. / Coveting the silver or gold on the idols will be a snare and cause one to sin. / Thus, we must cut off and destroy idols completely.

/When Jacob was going up to Bethel with his family, he buried all idols and luxuries under the oak tree. / We must also cut off things that may ensnare us. / We must dispose of wrong desires.

/Read verse 26. / Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

/Next, God is commanding them not to bring any of the detestable things into their houses. / Every form of evil must be destroyed. / We must not go to places where we might sin. / Once a detestable thing is brought inside our homes, our faith will begin to fall.

/Therefore, we must pull out the roots when it comes to sin. / We must serve God only. / Serving the true God is a blessing for us. / We must also obey his commands and decrees well.

/We receive blessings when we obey God's Word. / Moreover, we must fight and win against our

enemy. / We must fight and win against sin.

/We must fight and win against heresies. / We must fight and win the good fight. / We must faithfully be obedient to God.

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