

/We will now begin the seventh lecture on the book of Deuteronomy./ The Word of God today is Deuteronomy chapter 10./ The title of this chapter is "The Ark."/ First, the remade ark and two stone tablets./ Verses 1-5./ Second, the duties given to the descendants of Aaron and the Levites./ Verses 6-9.

/Third, God hears the prayer of Moses and forgives the sins of the Israelites./ Verses 10-11./ Fourth, the requirements from God./ Verses 12-16.

/Fifth, showing compassion towards the orphans, the widows, and the strangers./ Verses 17-19./ Sixth, being more fearful of God for his great redemption./ Verses 20-22.

/Read 10:1./ At that time the LORD said to me, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones and come up to me on the mountain. Also make a wooden chest.

/God commanded Moses to chisel out two stone tablets and come up to the mountain./ At first, God personally made the two stone tablets./ However, when the people of Israel sinned against God, Moses destroyed those two stone tablets./ 9:15-17

/Now, for the second time, Moses had to chisel out two stone tablets and bring it up to the mountain./ The first time, God freely provided the tablets./ However, the second time, Moses had to chisel it out and bring it up to the mountain./ Still, God wrote on the tablets.

/The first tablet symbolizes the first faith and grace./ If we lose the first faith and grace, we have to receive grace once again./ We have to act out in eagerness to reach that faith./

/God freely provides the first love and grace./ However, if we lose them, we have to make it up with our actions./ We have to pray harder and believe harder./ Revelation 2:1-7/ 2:1-7/ Revelation chapter 2./ Next, God commanded Moses to make an ark out of acacia wood.

/Acacia wood is a tree conducive for sculpture./ Exodus 25:10/ 25:10/ It is under the family of acacia tree./

/Acacia trees are insignificant./ Still, why did God command Moses to make an ark out of this specific tree?

/God wanted to show us that he would make vessels that contain the precious Word of God out of insignificant people like us./ Indeed we are of little value like thorn trees,/ but God uses us./ 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

/Moses was commanded to cover the ark, made out of a thorn tree, with gold./ Exodus 25:11/ This gold symbolizes faith./ Even if we are insignificant and weak, if we march on with faith, God will kindly use us./ 1 Peter 1:7

/Read verse 6./ (The Israelites traveled from the wells of the Jaakanites to Moserah. There Aaron died and was buried, and Eleazar his son succeeded him as priest.

/The people of Israel reached the place called "Moserah."/ At that time, Aaron, the high priest had died./ He was replaced by his son, Eleazar, who became the high priest./ Numbers 33:38

/Read verse 8./ At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today.

/God set apart people to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord./ They were the Levites./ As such, God selected certain people to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

/They blessed the people of Israel in the name of the Lord./ They served God and were entitled to bless the people in the name of the Lord.

/The Levites are the inheritance of God./ Also, God is the inheritance of the Levites./ They had no inheritance among their brothers and had to live out of tithes./ Today, pastors do not have worldly jobs.

/The members of the church must offer God tithes and by that, pastors must live./ Therefore, pastors must exert all their efforts into doing the works of God./ They must solely focus on that./ Pastors must not be involved with worldly works.

/They must prepare sermons and preach,/ pray for the congregation and visit them,/ evangelize,/ and lead the believers well./ The members of the church must offer tithes to God./ Then, pastors must live by the tithes./ Churches that do this will experience revival and be well.

/Read verse 10./ Now I had stayed on the mountain forty days and nights, as I did the first time, and the LORD listened to me at this time also. It was not his will to destroy you.

/What does God require of us?/ It is fear of the Lord./ First, it is to fear Jehovah./ Second, it is to act out his teachings./

/Third, it is to love God./ Fourth, it is to serve God with all our hearts and souls./ Fifth, it is to obey the commandments and decrees of God.

/We must serve God with all our hearts and souls./ Worshipping and praying are all parts of serving God./ Enduring and volunteering/ are also serving God./ We must serve God in such ways.

/Read verse 13./ and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

/The reason why God orders us to obey the commandments and decrees of God is for us, the believers, to receive blessings./ Whether we obey the words of God or not, God is not harmed in any way./ There is nothing that God lacks.

/What is the reason behind God ordering us to obey the commandments?/ He orders us so that we might receive blessings./ It is for us that we might receive blessings when we obey the commandments of God.

/If we truly obey the words of God, we will surely receive his blessings./ We must not think that it is difficult to obey the commandments of God and serve him./ Serving God and obeying his commandments are the paths to receiving blessings.

/Read verse 14./ To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.

/All creation is under God./ Everything is God's possession./ 1 Corinthians 3:21

/Verse 15./ Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today.

/God chose the people of Israel among all the other nations./ Today, we must be grateful that God chose us among numerous people./ Being chosen is the grace and love of God./ Ephesians 1:4

/Verse 16./ Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.

/It is written, circumcise your hearts./ In the Old Testament, circumcision was done externally and ritually./ However, it is not enough to be externally circumcised, but circumcision of heart is necessary./ Jeremiah 4:4/ Circumcising the heart refers to eradicating greed of the heart.

/It is not enough to be externally and ritually circumcised./ We must remove greed from our hearts.

/Ritual circumcision is not practiced today./ Still, we must let go of all greed in our hearts.

/Verse 17./ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

/Read verse 18./ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.

/Read verse 19./ And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

/God is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords./ Our God is the true God.

/He does not look at the appearances of man./ He shows compassion towards the orphans and the widows,/ and he loves strangers.

/The people of Israel must remember that they were once strangers in the land of Egypt./ Therefore, today, we must help people in need and help the poor./ We must sympathize with those who are in difficult situations.

/Read verse 20./ Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name.

/This means to fear God and walk with him.

/Verse 21./ He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

/God performed great and awesome wonders in front of the people of Israel./ He showed them signs and wonders.

/Read verse 22./ Your forefathers who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

/When the Israelites entered Egypt, there were only seventy of them./ Now, it is written that they are as numerous as the stars in the sky./ When they came out of Egypt and passed through the wilderness for forty years, their number increased to around two million./ God blessed them abundantly.

/Today, God allowed us to greatly prosper compared to what we had in the past./ He allowed us to flourish./ We became wealthy./ For this we must be thankful and be eager to please God.

/Now, we will continue this lecture on chapter 11 of the book of Deuteronomy.

/The title of chapter 11 is “God’s Care.”/ First, do not forget the grace and punishments you have received from God./ Verses 1-7./ Second, the blessings for those who follow the commands of God./ Verses 8-9.

/Third, God’s care and eyes are in the land of Canaan./ There is care and the eyes of God in the land of Canaan./ Verses 10-12./ Fourth, service to God will lead to prosperity, but service to idols will lead to demise./ Verses 13-17.

/Fifth, do not flee from the Word of God but obey./ Verses 18-25./ Sixth, the proclamation of the blessing and curse./ Verses 26-32.

/Read 11:1./ Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always

/It is written to love the Lord your God/ and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always./ The requirements given here refer to the duties and responsibilities given by God to his people.

/We must carry out and be loyal to the duties given by our Lord./ Acts 20:24.

/Verses 2-4./ Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them.

/God led the people of Israel out of Egypt./ Through signs and wonders he rescued them./ He made them cross through the Red Sea./ He made them pass through the wilderness as well./ God protected and guided them.

/Read verse 6./ and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them.

/Dathan and Abiram went against Moses./ Dathan and Abiram rebelled against Moses./ Hence, God buried them alive./ God used Moses to lead the people of Israel.

/Thus, to rebel against Moses meant to rebel against God./ Therefore, God poured out his wrath on the rebels.

/Verse 8./ Observe therefore all the commands I am giving you today, so that you may have the strength to go in and take over the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

/It was written that if they observe all the commands of God, he would bless them with the following blessings./ God will grant them strength./ If we observe and obey the commands of God, we become strong./ God allows us to conquer the land of Canaan.

/Read verse 9./ and so that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your forefathers to give to them and their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey.

/One blessing was to live long in the land of Canaan./ This land is a land flowing with milk and honey./ The grass and sheep are abundant in that land, which leads to abundant milk from sheep.

/Verse 10./ The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden.

/The land of Egypt was conducive for living./ In the Egyptian land, it was easy to irrigate while planting seeds./ Because of the Nile River, the land was conducive for planting./ There was no famine./ As such, it was abundant and convenient in the worldly sense.

/This land of Egypt is occupied by worldly people./ Non-believers live according to their will./ They resort to trickeries and lies./ They live godless lives./ Worldly people live world-centered lives.

/They live for the world, for money, power, and children./ Yet, we believers live heaven-centered lives.

/Read verse 11./ But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven.

/In the land where the people of Israel live is a valley that absorbs rain./ Externally, it is a barren land./ There are persecutions and trials./ In the land of Canaan, there aren't any good rivers.

/Without rain, it is impossible to live./ If God does not pour dew onto the land, it is impossible to live.

/Thus, the people of Israel constantly had to look up to the sky./ God had to send them rain in the right season for them to live.

/On the other hand, the Egyptians had no interest in heavenly things./ Unbelievers live world-centered lives./ However, we believers set our focus on God./ We must pray and obey to survive.

/We must be delighted of our God's grace./ Without it, we can live no longer./ Hebrews 4:16/
Every single moment in our lives should desire God's grace./ We can only live our lives when
God pours out his grace in times of need.

/Verse 12./ It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are
continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

/This means that God will take care of the Israelites from the beginning of the year to the end./
The eyes of God will not cease to look upon them./ Psalm 34:15/ Isaiah 49:16/ Likewise, God
pays attention to us and helps us in times of need.

/That is why the land of Canaan is considered the land that is abundantly flowing with milk and
honey./ In truth, the environment of the lands where we believers reside may be unfavorable./
There may be trials and sufferings./ Nonetheless, if God is with us, such lands will become the
land where milk and honey abundantly flows.

/If we live by faith, we can live in the land filled with blessings./ If God helps us, we can live in
paradise./ Whether it be a shack or a palace, where the Lord resides becomes paradise.

/Read verse 13./ So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today--to love the
LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul-

/We must love God and faithfully obey his commands./ It is written, faithfully obey the
commands of God,/ love God,/ and serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

/Today, there should be worship, prayer, and service./ Faithfully obeying the words of God is the
path to receiving his blessings.

/Verse 14./ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that
you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil.

/It is written that if we faithfully serve God, he will send rain on our lands in its season, both
autumn and spring rains./ "Spring rains" refer to rainfall in autumn./ This is the rain necessary
for sowing crops such as wheat or rye.

/"Autumn rains" refer to rainfall in spring./ This rain is essential for harvest./ As such, we can
only live when God pours out his grace in times of our need.

/The spring rains refer to rainfall in October or November./ The autumn rains refer to rainfall in
March or April./ God pours out his grace in the right times according to our needs.

/Read verse 16./ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow
down to them

/It was written that the Israelites obey the commands of God./ However, once they begin to serve
other gods, God's anger would burst against them/ and he would shut the heavens.

/Even today, we must not serve idols./ We must not pursue money or power./ We must not
pursue personal feelings.

/Read verse 18./ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

/It was written that the Israelites fix the words of God in their hearts and minds./ 6:6-9/ For us, what we act out with our hands must reflect the Word of God./ Even our sights and thoughts must reflect the Word of God.

/We must diligently teach them to our children./ We must instruct them by faith in God./ Moreover, whether we go out or enter our homes, we must live by faith./ By doing so, God will bless us and our children with long lives.

/Verse 22./ If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow--to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways and to hold fast to him-

/It was written that if they carefully observed the words of God, they would receive the land of Canaan.

/Read verse 24./ Every place where you set your foot will be yours: Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the western sea.

/It says, "Every place where you set your foot will be yours."/ This means that everything will be given according to one's obedience./ It means that it will be given to the people just as much as one has done and can do./ In Genesis 13:14,/ it is written "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west."

/It is also written, "Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land."/ As such, God will give according to one's obedience./ That is why we must love more and be more obedient/ so that God will use us greatly.

/Verse 28./ the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

/Read verse 26./ See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse-

/It says that God has set before us today a blessing and a curse./ However, God does not want us to be cursed./ He desires that we receive blessings by obeying the Word of God.

/God wants us to receive blessings./ Therefore, we must walk the path where there are blessings./ If we obey the words of God, we will be blessed./ If we do not, we will receive curses.

/Read verse 29./ When the LORD your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mount Gerizim the blessings, and on Mount Ebal the curses.

/It is written that there were Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal in the land of Canaan./ These mountains are located in the central part of the land of Canaan./ They are in the Shechem province./ Mount Gerizim is 850 meters high,/ while Mount Ebal is 940 meters high.

/The two mountains face each other./ Thus, the six tribes climb up Mount Gerizim,/ while the six other tribes climb up Mount Ebal./ Then at that time when blessings and curses are proclaimed, they say "amen."

/When blessings are proclaimed, they say “amen” to promise that they will live obediently./ Then when “you shall be cursed when you serve idols” is proclaimed,/ they will say “amen” as they become determined that “they would not serve idols.”

/Verse 31./ You are about to cross the Jordan to enter and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you. When you have taken it over and are living there,

/Read verse 32./ be sure that you obey all the decrees and laws I am setting before you today.

/God told them to enter the land of Canaan./ He said that he would let them take possession of that land./ However, God warned them to not be careless of his commands./ He said to be awake at all times.

/God also said to carefully observe the commands and decrees of the Lord./ They must serve the Lord with all their hearts and souls./ They were told to carefully observe the commands and decrees of the Lord.

/Then when they do so, they would receive blessings of long life in the land of Canaan./ Even today, we must carefully observe the commands of God./ Revelation 1:3/ In Revelation 1:3,/ it is written, “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”

/Therefore, we must read, hear, and obey the Word of God./ When we do so, God will bless us./ We must love God with thanksgiving for his grace.

/Also, we must serve God with all our hearts and souls./ Then he will pour out his grace in times of need./ That is why we receive blessings from God.

/With this, we will end the seventh lecture on the book of Deuteronomy.