

Deut 4 – The God Who Speaks**God's good rules****Deuteronomy so far****Keep God's rules (v1-4)**

...respond to ALL of God's commands with obedience.

Baal Peor - Numbers 25:1-9

Why keep God's rules? (v 5-8)

Verse 5 – a condition of entry into the land

Verse 6 – other nations will see God's wisdom

Verse 7 – a display to other nations

Verse 8 - God speaks to them

The danger of forgetting (v 9)

When they remember all God has done... obeying him should be their desire.

The danger of corrupting (v15-24)

They made an image of God and worshipped it.

God is a consuming fire... he is a jealous God.

But what if they forget? (v25-31)

They will lose the land

God will remove his blessing from them.

BUT ... he will not abandon his people if they turn back to him.

Why God Cares (v32-40)

Obedience to God's laws is set firmly within the context of God's incredible grace.

Applying Deuteronomy Today

Don't take it out of the historical context.

1) **The God who speaks** (still demands obedience to all his word)

Titus 1:22 – *“Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves: do what it says”*

2 Tim 3:16- 17 *“All Scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”*

A word of caution: ... fulfilled in Jesus.

A challenge: Do others truly see the greatness of God reflected in our own obedience to his word?

1 Peter 2:10-12

2) **A rescue better than the Exodus**

Rom 5:8-9, *“God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him?”*

James 1:22

Jesus teaches us what it means to obey God.

A challenge: Do you strive to obey all that God has commanded in thankfulness for the way Jesus has rescued you?

Danger of idolatry

“The human heart is a perpetual factory for idolatry”

God's grace remains for the repentant sinner