

Deuteronomy 5

Passage Summary

As Pastor Bernie explained, Deuteronomy is the second giving of the Law. Moses rehearses for all of Israel the wonderful blessing God gave to the children of Israel when He gave them the Law. His emphasis is upon the Greatness of God. Moses reminded the people of Israel of the greatness of God and then presented to them the necessity of maintaining both proper obedience and proper love toward God.

Discussion Questions

(These questions are intended to generate discussion and promote application. Don't feel pressured to make it through all of them. The questions are made for the discussion leader, not the discussion leader for the questions.)

Read Deuteronomy 5:22-24

- How had God shown His glory and greatness to Israel at this point in their story?
 - Through Abraham?
 - Egypt?
 - Exodus?
- How has God shown His glory and greatness to you?
 - Throughout your life?
 - Through signature events?
 - This past year?
 - This past month?
 - This past week?

Read Deuteronomy 5:28-29

- What did God appreciate about the current attitude of the Israelites?
- How does God indicate He would respond if the Israelites maintained this attitude before Him?
- Is it possible to maintain an attitude of fear and reverence if our central motive is to gain the benefits that only God can give?
- How did Israel GAIN this attitude?
- What is your current attitude and view of God?
- Is there a time in your past when your attitude toward God looked more like the one discussed in this passage than it does today? What had occurred that brought you to that point?

Read Deuteronomy 5:31-6:9

- What does this passage reveal about God's method of maintaining a right attitude of fear and reverence toward Him?
- What are some actions the Israelites were to do?
- What are some modern parallels to those ancient actions which would help us to maintain the right attitude toward God? In other words, what are some actions that we can do which would mirror what God is commanding for the Israelites to do?

Read Joshua 4:1-7

- Why did God command the people of Israel to set up memorial stones?
- What events in your life remind you of what God has done for you?
- How are you, or how could you, memorializing them in your life? Will this help you to remember the greatness of God?