

“Seeing Is Believing”
Deuteronomy 11: 8-12
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Loving God Covenantally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

To Enjoy In God’s Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God Regulative Teaching, (vs. 26 – 32)

Grace... Gifting... Growth... Guarantee

Message Emphasis: Many today see God as mysterious and hidden in His thoughts and actions. Consequently, many people do not believe that what they do matters much. We must see that God has made it plain what He requires of those who are His and we must be determined to live this way.

1) God Regulates Our Lives By Making His Thoughts Fully Known, (vs. 26)

See (Impv)... *I am setting (Part.)...* **before you today... a blessing... and a curse:**

- God’s promise of true blessing is made known (Salvation) *Again, salvation is a condition NOT a membership*
the blessing... if you obey the commandments of the LORD... your God... which I command (Part.) you today,

- God’s promise of cursing is made known (Damnation) *Why would you think your OK when your actions are the opposite of what God says they ought to be?*

and the curse... if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God... but turn aside from the way that I am commanding (Part.) you today... to go after other gods that you have not known.

“... whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.” (1 Peter 4:1–2, ESV)

2) God Regulates Our Lives By Expecting Each Person To Declare What He Will Do, (vs. 29)

See (Impv)... *I am setting (Part.)...* **before you today... a blessing... and a curse:**

- God declares in advance what He will do *What God has said He will do, will happen!*
And when the LORD your God brings you into the land ... that you are entering (Part.) to take possession...

“Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5–6, ESV)

- Because God declares what He is doing, He expects you to do the same *Our declaration is before strangers*
... you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal... Are they not ¹⁾ beyond the Jordan, ²⁾ west of the road, ³⁾ toward the going down of the sun, ⁴⁾ in the land of the Canaanites who live (Part.) in the Arabah, ⁵⁾ opposite Gilgal, ⁶⁾ beside the oak of Moreh?

3) God Regulates Our Lives By Requiring That You Live In Keeping With Your Declaration, (vs. 31)

See (Impv)... *I am setting (Part.)...* **before you today... a blessing... and a curse:** *You are either blessed or cursed; there is not in between*

- God’s purposes are absolute! *Whether you want to admit it or not; you either ARE or you ARE NOT*
For you are to cross (Part.) ... over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land ... that the LORD your God is giving (Part.) you.

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” – so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13–14, ESV)

- If God’s purposes are absolute, shouldn’t yours be also? *What does your decision to be “Absolute” say about whether you are blessed or cursed?*

And when you possess it and live in it, you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting (Part.) before you today.

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20, ESV)

*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you have an absolute determination to follow what God requires.

8. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Gracious Fellowship With His People, (vs. 12: 1 - 7)
9. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Embracing Your God As The Entirety Of Your Life, (vs. 8 - 14)
10. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Focus In Worship; Not Just Keeping Rules, (vs. 15 - 19)
11. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Choice Of Holiness, (vs. 20 - 28)
12. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Active Purity Among His People, (vs. 29 - 32)

13. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Loving God Exclusively; Treating All Others With Impunity, (13: 1 - 5)
14. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Genuine Love; Not Just Tolerance, (vs. 6 - 11)
15. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Standard Of Purity, (vs. 12 - 18)
16. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)