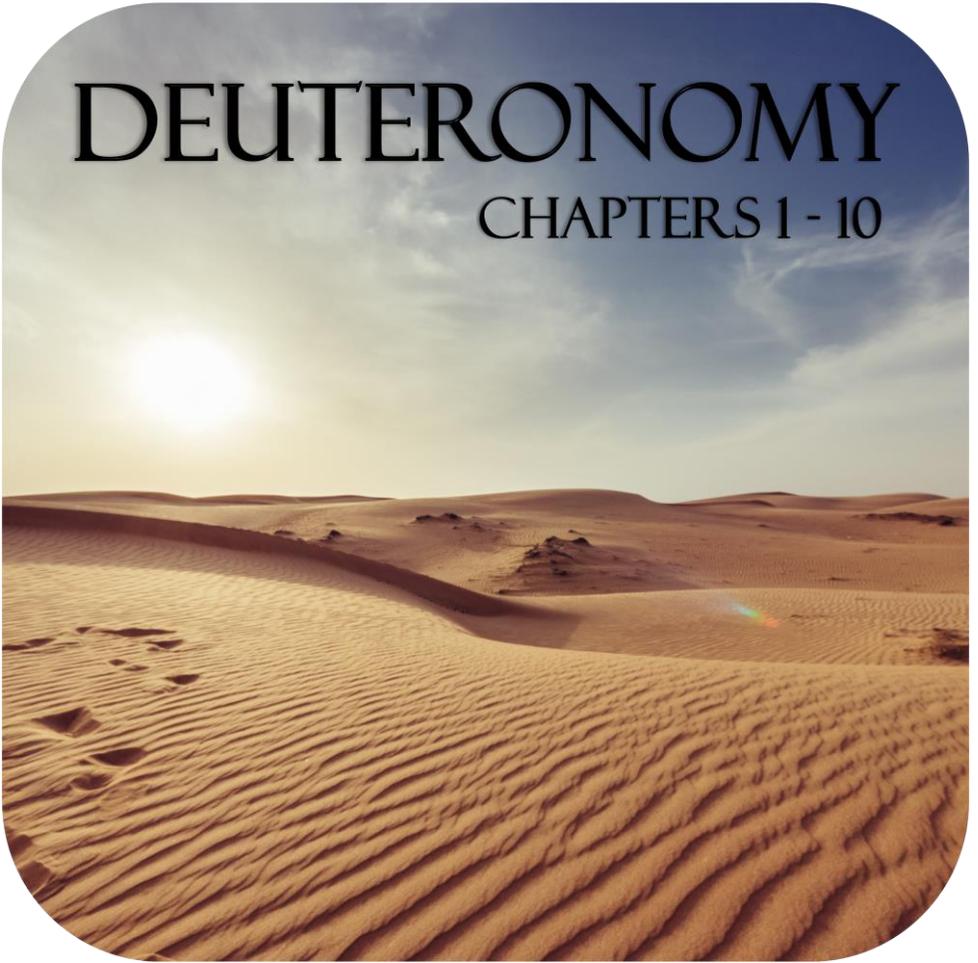


DEUTERONOMY

CHAPTERS 1 - 10



THE ONE TRUE GOD

(6 BIBLE STUDIES)

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GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THESE STUDIES

Your Commitment

I would encourage you to make a commitment to attending your group regularly. I realise that sometimes there are things that get in the way, but do prioritise studying the Bible with other. This will involve sacrifice, and effective use of your time, but I really believe that in doing so you will get the most out of studying the Bible and praying together in your small group.

Your Contribution

What you put into the group is going to determine what you get out of the group. I encourage you to contribute honestly to the discussion and workings of the group. I understand people come from different backgrounds with unique personalities & life experiences. But, we all have a big part to play, so I encourage you to be fully present and take ownership of your group.

Your Preparation

These materials are primarily for use in preparing and/or leading group discussions, but they will also be useful in keeping your thoughts together in one place. The materials provide you with the passage so that you can identify and highlight recurring themes and note down your own thoughts and questions. Also, the materials include questions designed to provoke thought, and help you reflect on what the passage meant, both at the time it was written, and also what it means for us now.

I would encourage you to make good use of these materials, as doing so will help you contribute and get the most out of the group discussions. The materials are, however, only “tools” – they are there to help you, and not to restrict you, or force you to think in a certain manner. I want to see God speaking to you through these passages, and if the questions or notes don't help you, simply don't use them!

I have also included within these materials an introduction to the book. Make of this what you will, but I hope that it is helpful in getting you started with these studies!

Your Leadership

Here are some useful pointers in how to lead your Bible study group. Be aware that included in this study guide are more questions than you can possibly ask and/or answer in one session. They are not designed to be used rigidly, and there will rarely be a need to ask every question! Make sure that you spend some time praying at the start and ensure you read & re-read the passages as much as possible. In relation to the passages, then consider the suggested questions with an open mind. There is rarely “a single right answer” and I would encourage you to share your thoughts with your group.

I have also included a number of quotations from relevant Christian literature, most of which are readily available online if you want to do further thinking or study. My prayer is that as you study together you would grow to love Jesus and experience Him more deeply.

I would appreciate your feedback and suggestions on how to make these materials even better!

*Steve McClure
Spring 2019*

INTRODUCING DEUTERONOMY 1-10

Deuteronomy means *repetition of the law* and is the last of the books of Moses (the Pentateuch). It contains a set of sermons that Moses gave to Israel. The book places Moses and the Israelites east of the Jordan on the border of Moab (1:5) and they were on the brink of finally entering the Promised Land having spent the last 40 years in the wilderness. These final words of Moses were part of the process of leadership succession: Moses was handing over to Joshua for this next stage of the story of the people of God. Moses was eager that they did not repeat again the poor choices they made on the last occasion when they were preparing to enter the Promised Land (See Deuteronomy 1:19–46). This time round Moses wants them to enter with confidence rather than turning away in fear. Moses wants them to stick closely to the law God gave them 40 years prior at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-40) and keep away from idolatry. God was fulfilling the promises that He made to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob – these promises were still however conditional upon their obedience. Deuteronomy contains stern warnings that failure to walk with God would result in judgement and exile.

In many ways the book of Deuteronomy sets aside the ongoing story of how God was working out His promises to reflect back on the journey thus far. The people of God move very little here as at the end of the book the people are still waiting to enter the Promised Land (see Deuteronomy 34:8 & Joshua 1:2)! In these studies we will focus on chapters 1-10: Moses' first sermon (1:4-4:43) and the first section of his second sermon (4:44-11:32 & 12:1-26:19). Deuteronomy is a massive book and so this is going to be just a taster but one that I trust will motivate you to study this amazing book further.

In chapter 1-3 we see a nation on the move and a God who is personally involved with the world He created. These chapters remind Israel of the history of how God moved them on from Horeb, how they refused to enter the Promised Land because of fear stemming from the report that came back from the spies they sent to spy out the land and how they then spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness. These were harsh lessons for them to learn but crucial on preparing and encouraging them to remain faithful to God and once more get ready to enter the land God had promised them.

²³ Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. ²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. Deuteronomy 4:23-24

Chapter 4 is the conclusion of this first speech and in it Moses draws a contrast between the LORD and the so called gods of the nations around them. Moses encourages them to listen and obey the God who is there and ignore all lesser voices. Truly there is no-one like our God and He does not give His glory to another.

As far as I am concerned, the greatest issue facing the Christian church as we near the 21st Century is the character of God. Unless we understand what God is like, nothing else in the Bible will make sense. R.C. Sproul

Chapters 5-6 are the beginning of Moses second speech and after focusing on the nature of God now concentrate on Israel's response. The chapters centre on God's covenant with His people and include a recap of the Ten Commandments which rather than being a mere list of instructions actually reflect the very nature of God Himself. The chapters finish with an exhortation to remember and obey.

*⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **Deuteronomy 6:5-6***

In Chapter 7 we see more about God's relationship of love with His people. We read about how God has chosen His people primarily because He loves them. This is their huge privilege: to be chosen, to know God is with them, to follow Him and enjoy the lavishness of the love of God. This helps them to begin to work out the question of how they will relate to the current inhabitants of the Promised Land.

Then in chapter 8 Moses again exhorts them to trust and obey God. He shows them how God makes use of difficulty to teach us to trust Him and how whether we experience hardship or blessing God wants us to continue trusting in His goodness. God wants us to trust in Him alone and not to boast in our own efforts. It is all too easy to forget God's goodness and begin to think we are enjoying the fruit of our own efforts and Moses is trying here to forewarn them of such complacency and pride.

Finally in chapters 9-10 Moses turns to the incident with the Golden Calf. He reminds them how their actions provoked God to anger against them but also wants to reassure them of God's love and mercy. Moses challenges them to walk in loving obedience to God and serve Him with their all.

*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. 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. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **Deuteronomy 7:6-8***

A journey into the book of Deuteronomy is to come face to face with the God who is there and to hear warnings about how we might pursue the God who isn't, a God made in our own image. Chapter 10:12-13 leaves us with some clear thoughts about how we should proceed in the light of all us. (1) We should fear God and not those around us. (2) We should walk in God's ways appreciating the way that He works and seeking to do the same. (3) We should love God and have a passionate desire for an intimate relationship with the God who made us. (4) We should serve the Lord with all of our heart and soul faithfully doing the things God has called us to do. (5) We should observe the Lord's commands to us being mindful to know what He asks of us and putting them into practice.

To God be the Glory,

Steve McClure, Spring 2019

STUDY 1 – DEUTERONOMY 1-3 – A NATION ON THE MOVE

INTRODUCTION: These chapters describe a God who is not afraid to get involved with the world – He is a big God but He is also personal. Israel was preparing to enter the Promised Land and Moses begins to remind them of lessons from the journey and encourages them to remain faithful to God. In this study we will primarily focus on 1:1-2:23 but do also check out 2:24-3:29 later on.

SETTING THE SCENE (1:1-8): What were the key events that happened while Israel was encamped at Horeb for 11 months (see Exodus 19-34, Num 1-10)? In what sense is v3 a good summary of the book of Deuteronomy? How do you respond to the fact that it ended up taking 40 years for God’s people to reach *Kadesh Barnea* (11 days journey from Horeb and no more than 150miles)?

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DELEGATION (1:9-18): How does Moses deal with the problems associated with growth here (see also Jethro’s involvement in Exodus 18)? Why do you think that Moses includes this section here interrupting his narrative (chronologically the order is quite different)?

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A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY (1:19-33): Why do you think that Moses begins by exclusively extolling the positives of the Promised Land (See Num 13:27-31)? Why do you think that despite good reports (v25), the people were unwilling to go up into the land (v26) as God had commanded (v21)? What does their response say about their understanding of God and their trust in Him (v26-33)?

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THE WRATH OF GOD (1:34-40): What exactly was it that made God so angry? Would you say that God was justified in His response or overly harsh? Why? In what ways do we struggle to obey and to believe that God is who He says He is and trust Him to help us when we are up against it?

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ISRAEL'S ATTEMPT TO FIX IT (1:41-46): To what extent can you identify with Israel's subsequent repentance and desire to go after all? Why does God refuse to let them enter even after they had regretted their choice? What does genuine repentance look like?

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WANDERINGS (2:1-23): What do you imagine it would have been like to spend almost 40 years wandering in the desert until a whole generation had died off (see v14-15)? In what ways do we see God's grace in how He punished His people (note God's blessing and provision as described in v7)?

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GOD'S INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER NATIONS: What does Moses say about the Edomites (v4-6), Moabites (v9-12) and Ammonites (v20-23)? Why is it significant to Israel (both as an encouragement and a warning) that God has given these nations these lands (formerly of the Rephaites)?

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DRAWING IT TOGETHER: In what ways would these reminders be a help and encouragement to this new generation of Israel as they prepare to finally step into the Promised Land? How would our lives be different, if we truly believed that God is God, God is for us and God wants the best for us?

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IDEAS FOR PRAYER: Share with one another about areas of your lives in which God might be asking you to trust Him and move forward with Him in faith. Share any lessons that God is teaching you in these things. Pray for one another that you would not be afraid or discouraged.

MEMORY VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 1:21

STUDY 2 – DEUTERONOMY 4 – THE GOD WHO IS THERE

INTRODUCTION: This chapter is the conclusion of Moses' first speech (1:1-4:43) and it distinguishes Israel's God from the other gods and religions of the day. The speech contains an impassioned call to listen and obey the Almighty God that we serve. The Lord is God and besides Him there is no other!

SETTING THE SCENE: What is your experience of God as the "God who is there"; what is He like and how would you describe Him? Why do you think that knowing who we are dealing with is so important as we think about questions of obedience?

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LISTEN AND OBEY (v1-8): What positive reasons does Moses give as to why Israel should obey God? Why do the warnings from 'Baal Peor' (see Numbers 25:1-18) also help to motivate Israel to not only hear, but obey? In what ways would obedience to God impact the nations around them?

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SET APART FOR A HOLY GOD (v9-31): What are the things that Moses is asking them to watch closely / carefully and why (v9, 15)? Why does Moses emphasise that God was heard but NOT seen when they met with Him at Horeb (see v10-12, 15-19)?

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What would idolatry say about the covenant God had made with His people? In the light of that how do you respond to the concept that God is a "jealous" and a "consuming fire" (v24)? Why was God so angry with Moses, that He would not allow him to enter the Promised Land either (v21, Num 20:7-12)?

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THE LORD IS GOD (v32-40): What do these verses have to teach us about what God is like? How is God different to the idols talked about in this chapter (see also v7, 15-19)? In what ways does this dramatic conclusion offer an even more important reason to listen and obey?

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MOSES FOOTNOTES (v41-49): How might we understand the purpose of including these notes on cities of refuge (also in 19:1-13) and the introduction to Moses' second speech (continuing to 26:19) when most of this material seems to be contained in more detail elsewhere?

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DRAWING IT TOGETHER: How would you define an idol? What kind of things might be idols in our own lives today? How does this chapter encourage and challenge you as you seek to live a distinctive, faithful and obedient life for God?

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In what ways does the life and ministry of Jesus also demonstrate that God alone is God and there is no other? In what ways is Jesus currently calling you to listen and obey?

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IDEAS FOR PRAYER: Praise and worship God for who He is, as the God who is there and who is interested in all of our lives. Name any idols in your own lives that deflect your attention from the one true God and pray for one another that you would fix your eyes upon God alone.

MEMORY VERSES: DEUTERONOMY 4:23-24

STUDY 3 – DEUTERONOMY 5-6 – GOD’S COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

INTRODUCTION: These chapters begin Moses’ second speech. Having focused on the nature of God, now Moses concentrates on how Israel should respond. Much of the material is very familiar and focuses on the covenant relationship of love that God has with His people.

GOD’S INITIATIVE (5:1-6): In what ways does God take the initiative with His people? How would you describe how a covenant (or contract) works?

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (5:7-22): In what sense did the Ten Commandments give expression to God’s relationship with His people? To what extent would you describe these commandments as ‘God’s means to save His people’ and/or ‘an expression of their covenant relationship with God’?

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THE CHARACTER OF GOD: What impresses or surprises you about the content of the Ten Commandments? What do each of the Ten Commandments teach us about God’s character (e.g. the commandment about adultery emphasises that God is a Faithful God)?

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LAW AND GRACE: Romans 6:14 says that we are “not under law but under grace.” With this and Matt 5:17-18 in mind what would you say is the role of the Ten Commandments (if any) for us today? Where (if at all) do you see these commandments reiterated and/or reinterpreted in the New Testament?

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APPROACHING GOD (5:23-33): What do you make of Israel's response in asking Moses to be their leader and representative before God? Do we have anything to fear in approaching God ourselves (see Hebrews 4:16, 10:19 or Ephesians 3:12)? What was (and still is) God's desire for His people and how did (and still does) He use others to draw us to Himself?

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THE NATURE OF FAITH (6:1-9): For Jews v4 is known as the '*Shema*', and many would recite it daily! How does this verse (and the equally well known and well quoted v5) sum up our faith? How does Moses describe in this section how to put this faith into action? What does it look like to have God's commands on our hearts (v6)?

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DON'T FORGET (6:10-25): Why do you think that Moses puts such an emphasis on the need to remember? Why do we so quickly forget and become complacent (e.g. Israel testing God at Massah in Exodus 17:1-7)? Which is easier; to follow God when times are 'good' or 'hard' and why? How should we understand v25 (v20-25 was to be recited to each generation) in light of the New Covenant?

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DRAWING IT TOGETHER: What do these chapters teach us about the character of God, the nature of faith and how we should subsequently live out that faith?

IDEAS FOR PRAYER: Talk together about the Ten Commandments and all that Moses teaches Israel here about God and living in faith. Praise God together for who He is and for the New Covenant He has given us in Jesus. Share some of the areas in which you are struggling to love God with your all.

MEMORY VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 6:5

STUDY 4 – DEUTERONOMY 7 – CHOSEN IN LOVE

INTRODUCTION: Chapters 7-11 focus on how God's people should approach being in the Promised Land and in particular how they should relate to the current inhabitants of the land. Moses discusses their privilege (chosen by God), security (God is with them), discipline (God wants them to follow Him) and love (lavishly given and prompting a response of obedience).

JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS (v1-5): What is your response to the ruthlessness with which God asks Israel to deal with the nations in the Promised Land? How do you reconcile God's covenant of love with His desire for these nations to be destroyed (see Genesis 12:31, Deut 15:16 & 18:10-13)?

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LEADING GOD'S PEOPLE ASTRAY: Why do you think that God says intermarriage with other nations and/or taking pity (v16) on those nations will turn Israel away from following Him and will be a snare to them? After failing to drive out the nations completely (see the book of Joshua) how do they fare in this respect (see the book of Judges)? How might this apply to us today?

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GOD'S LOVE TOWARDS ISRAEL (v6-10): Why did and why didn't God choose Israel? What can we learn from this about God's love for His people? To what extent do these verses teach that God's love is conditional upon our obedience (see also 5:10, Ephesians 2:8 & 1 John 4:7-10 & Romans 5:6-8)? In what sense is God's love both "conditional" and "unconditional"?

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BLESSINGS (v11-17): How do you respond to the blessings God promises to Israel if they pay attention to His laws and are careful to follow them? Is this the basis of a prosperity gospel or does God promise a different kind of blessing in the New Testament (Joel 2:28-32, Gal 3:14 & Eph 1:3)?

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DO NOT FEAR (v18-24): Note the emphasis here on what the LORD has done and will do (He will send, drive out & deliver). If Israel believed that *God was God* how might that have changed their perspective on the people around them? Why do we so often focus on our problems rather than on God? How also should we respond when we face up to that and those which oppose God?

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DETESTABLE IDOLS (v25-26): Why does Moses use such strong language (abhorrent, detestable) to talk about the idols and images of the nations' gods? What do you think our response should be to the idolatry going on in the world around us?

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DRAWING IT TOGETHER: In the light of all we have discussed regarding our privilege, security, discipline & love how can we sum up what we have learned about how God wants us to live for Him?

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IDEAS FOR PRAYER: Share together your response to the fact that God has taken the initiative with us and chosen to love us because of who He is and not because of who we are. Praise Him for His love, mercy and all the blessings which He has lavished on us in Christ. Pray for one another as you seek to live godly and distinctive lives amidst a constantly challenging and increasingly godless world.

MEMORY VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 7:9

STUDY 5 – DEUTERONOMY 8:1-9:6 – LEARNING TO TRUST AND OBEY

INTRODUCTION: Israel's first attempt to enter into the Promised Land ended badly because they rebelled against God and failed to trust and obey Him. In this chapter Moses is preparing this new generation to try again – helping them to walk with God in trust and obedience.

SETTING THE SCENE: What have been the hardest times of transition that you have faced and in those times what were the biggest challenges? As you look back on these transitions what were the key lessons that came out of those times?

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GOD USES DIFFICULTY TO TEACH US TO TRUST IN HIM (8:1-6): How do you understand Moses' comment here that God led them in the wilderness to "test" them (contrast with 1:34-35)? How also did God's provision of manna help to teach them what it means to trust God's Word? How do we see such trust modelled by Jesus during His own time in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)?

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How far do you think that God is willing to go in order to humble us and/or discipline us? Can you think of any examples from your own life where God was humbled and/or disciplined you?

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GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIS CONTINUING GOODNESS (8:7-11): How would this land God was bringing them into contrast with the wilderness they've been living in for 40 years? Why do you think Moses was so concerned that they would forget God; does comfort necessarily lead to complacency?

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GOD WANTS US TO TRUST IN HIM ALONE (8:12-20): Why do so we naturally gravitate towards pride and self-reliance? Can you think of times when God has come through you (in a way that only He could) and soon after you have started giving the credit to yourself rather than to God?

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What might help us to remember God's Sovereign involvement in our lives (v18)? What would (or wouldn't) be the New Testament thinking of the consequences of forgetting God (v19-20)?

DO NOT BOAST (9:1-6): What kind of 'boasting' is Moses trying to encourage and/or discourage in these verses? Why is it so easy to find ourselves falling into the trap of thinking that God's blessing and/or work in our lives is either earned or deserved? How practically can we guard against such thinking (Philippians 3:7-8 or Galatians 6:14)?

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DRAWING IT TOGETHER: What do we learn here about the way God deals works out His plan (which is always much bigger than ours) in His people? What can we learn from this section about how we can expect God to teach, disciple and love us?

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IDEAS FOR PRAYER: Share a little about your own journey of learning to trust and obey God. Share stories of when you have struggled with trusting God and found yourself becoming complacent, forgetting Him and taking pride in yourself. Pray for one another as you (with God's help) work to grow your trust and dependence upon God.

MEMORY VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 8:2

INTRODUCTION: Moses continued to remind them of their past failures and now turns to the incident with the Golden Calf. Moses is warning them but also wants to reassure them of God's love and mercy as he challenges them to walk in loving obedience to God and serve Him with their all.

BREAKING GOD'S COMMAND (9:7-12): What do you think motivated Israel to violate the first two commandments which God had recently given them (5:7-8)? Why do you think we are so prone to making idols? What are some of the idols we make for ourselves today?

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THE ANGER OF THE LORD (9:13-17): How do you react to the LORD's assessment of the situation at the foot of the mountain? What does it mean to be 'stiff-necked'? Why is God's intent to destroy Israel such a surprise in light of the promises He had made to Abraham (Gen 12:2. 15:13-21)? Why do you think God proposes to make Moses into a great nation?

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FURTHER EXAMPLES OF ANGER (9:22-24): Look up what happened at Massah (Exodus 17) and at Kibroth Hattaavah (Numbers 11); in what ways did Israel provoke God to anger in these examples? How is Moses using these examples to reinforce their recent failure to trust and obey God?

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STANDING IN THE GAP (9:18-21, 25-29): How does Moses intercede on behalf of Israel; i.e. what are His key arguments and reasons for why God should not destroy them? Why is Moses' role here so significant in the working out of God's purposes (Ezek 22:30, Ps 106:23)? How is God working out His purposes through your prayers of intercession for others?

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Do you think that Moses changed God's mind by interceding for Israel? Do you have any insights as to how we are to understand the way that prayer works alongside God's Sovereignty (see also Don Carson Quote)?

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MOSES' ANGER (9:16-17,21): How did Moses' reaction to Israel's sin compare with that of the LORD? Do you think he was justified in breaking the tablets and grounding the gold to dust?

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NEW TABLETS (10:1-11): What is interesting and/or significant about the details of what Moses records about what happens next (before returning to the verdict of his intercession in v10-11)?

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FEARING THE LORD (10:12-22): What does and doesn't it mean to fear God (v12, 20)? What do you think it looks like in practice? If Israel had truly feared God, their behaviour would surely have been very different; what difference should a healthy fear of God make in our lives?

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DRAWING IT TOGETHER: What have been the key things that God has been saying to you through these studies in Deuteronomy? In 18:15 Moses says that God would "raise up a prophet like Moses" (also Acts 7:37). What similarities and differences are there between Moses and Jesus?

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IDEAS FOR PRAYER: Share with one another about the things that you find yourself putting in the place of God in your own lives. Intercede with God on one another's behalf and ask Him to help each of you to hold fast to God in order to move forward in obedience, love and service.

MEMORY VERSES: DEUTERONOMY 10:12-13

"God expects to be pleaded with, he expects godly believers to intercede with him. Their intercession is his own appointed means for bringing about His relenting, and if they fail in this respect, then he does not relent and his wrath is poured out. If we understand something similar to have happened in the life of Moses, we must conclude that Moses is effective in prayer not in the sense that God would have broken his covenant promises to the patriarchs, nor in the sense that God temporarily lost his self-control until Moses managed to bring God back to his senses. Rather, in God's mercy Moses proved to be God's own appointed means, through intercessory prayer, for bringing about the relenting that was nothing other than a gracious confirmation of the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

A call to spiritual reformation, pg. 164-165, D.A. Carson

MEMORY VERSES

STUDY 1: DEUTERONOMY 1-3 – A NATION ON THE MOVE

²¹ See, the LORD your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'

Deuteronomy 1:21

STUDY 2: DEUTERONOMY 4 – THE GOD WHO IS THERE

²³ Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. ²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:23-24

STUDY 3: DEUTERONOMY 5-6 – GOD'S COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

STUDY 4: DEUTERONOMY 7 – CHOSEN IN LOVE

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.

Deuteronomy 7:9

STUDY 5: DEUTERONOMY 8:1-9:6 – LEARNING TO TRUST AND OBEY

² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

Deuteronomy 8:2

STUDY 6: DEUTERONOMY 9:7-10:22 – LEARNING TO LOVE AND SERVE

¹² And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

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

Deuteronomy 10:12-13