

## Deuteronomy Ch 11

### Vs 1-7

So Moses is now basically continuing to warn them, and remind them of how God brought them up out of Egypt, reminding them of all the miracles, that He did in their midst and destroyed the army of the Pharaoh in the red sea. And what He did to those who rebelled against Him and how the earth opened up and swallowed them up with everything that they had. And how the Lord has watched over them, provided for them, protected them, and preserved them, how He has nurtured them sustained them all these yrs even up to the present moment. And how they've seen all these things happen with their own eyes, and the same is true for us. How God has delivered us from the world, how He has provided for us and protected us, and even when we were unfaithful to Him, He has remained faithful to us and He has nurtured us and sustained us even up until this very moment. And all of this He has done for us out of His love for us, and His grace. And so what is to be our response to that love and grace, obedience to His word.

### Vs 8-11

In other words, it won't be a land that depends on irrigation, which man can control, but it will be a land that depends upon rain from the heavens, and God's going to tell them that them receiving that rain will be conditional upon their obedience to His word. If they are obedient He will bless them, if they aren't, then He won't and they won't get any rain, so this is an incentive really in order to keep them seeking after God and drawing near to God. Because if they don't and if they stray from God, then He'll shut off the rainfall and dry up their land so that they are unable to produce crops, until they turn back to God.

### Vs 12

So this particular plot of earth is a spot that the Lord cares for and that His eyes is always upon, so if you ever get to go to Israel kind of stew for a little bit on this vs. You're right in the spot that God's always looking and that His eyes are always upon. Because He cares for that land, not necessarily because it's such a beautiful plot of land there's a lot of places that are much more scenic than Israel as far as physical beauty goes. But this is the land that God had purposed to fulfill His plan of redemption for mankind, and so it's a land that God is interested in and looking upon, because it's in this Land that His Son was to be born, it's this land that His Son was to tread upon. And it's in this land that His Son was die and shed His blood making atonement for the sins of the world and so it's a land for which God cares and keeps an eye upon.

### Vs13-17

So if you love God and serve God, He's going to bless your life, if you become deceived and stray from the Lord, then you'll abide under God's judgment until such time as you repent. The word of God is full of warnings against going astray and ceasing to serve the Lord, over and over again we're told to be diligent to remain faithful to Him and he continues in that light in vs 18.

Vs 18-21

In other words just inundate yourself with God and His word; surround yourself with scriptures in your house. As ladies put on your mirrors at home, "*Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.*" Prov 31:30. We could put on our dashes the scripture that says, "*A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back.*" Prov 29:11 And look at it every time someone pulls out in front of us only to poke down the road. God is saying just surround yourself with My word and My influence and tuck those things down in your heart and in your soul.

Vs22-24

And they still to this day haven't possessed all that God promised them. And I think that there's a profound lesson for us to be learned even in that, I don't think that we ever possess all that God has for us, and all that God desires to give us and do for us. But rather we fall short of that which God would do for us in our lack of faith and trust in claiming that which God has already promised us if we'll just take it, we all fall radically short of the fullness that God desires to do in our lives. They failed to possess all that God had given to them by divine decree and I believe that we do the same thing, be it through intellectual limitations that we place upon God. Or various restrictions that we place upon God by our own presuppositions or whatever, but by these things we fail to enter in to the fullness that God has for our lives.

Vs25- 28

Now that's always the way it is, God sets before you and me a choice, we can take the path that leads to blessing, or we can take the path that leads to Gods curse upon our life, the choice is up to us. And it's not that God curses me or you as an individual, it's that the curse of God already lays on that certain path and that manner of life. And God warns us that a certain manner of life already has a curse upon it, and if we choose to go down that path that leads to death then we can't blame God, because He's warned us not to go down that path because it's cursed. If you warn someone over and over not to go down a certain path because an optical illusion lies down that path and it looks like everything is real peachy but at a certain point there's this patch of quicksand that you can't see. And every person with out exception that's gone down that path has died in the clutches of the quicksand because they were deceived thinking everything was ok until it was too late.

And yet that person refuses to heed repeated warnings and then that person finds himself in the clutches of the quicksand because he's ignored all the warnings and he begins to curse everyone who warned him as he's going under. That doesn't make much sense, it's not their fault that he finds himself in the predicament that he's in, they tried to warn him, and in the same way God has warned you where the path leads that's in disobedience to Him. He's says hey that path leads to destruction, and He continues to warn you all the way along the path, and so if you go to destruction it isn't because God sent you there, it's that you deliberately went there against all of God's efforts and warnings to keep you from going there. In one sense Jesus Christ has laid down in front of the gates of hell and in order to get there you have to trample Him under foot and count "*the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insult the Spirit of grace?*" He's done everything He could to stop you from going there, even forcing you to trample Him under foot and so if that was where you were to wind up, you can't blame God, but only your own stubbornness and pride and rebellion against Him. Because He's done everything He could just short of violating your own will to stop you from going there. And so everyone that winds up there, it's as a result of their own will, because He's not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, but since He won't violate your will, that's your choice.

Vs 29-32