

Context

- 1] Moses returns to edge promised land after 40 years in the wilderness
- 2] He gives 'a copy' of the Law 1st given at Sinai
- 3] Chs 1-4 he reviews the history of the last 40 years Ch 5-31 – God's covenant with His people
- 4] Ch 5 its core: 10 commandments. Chs 6-11 its Spirit: the love of God

??? Why does the Lord persist in calling for obedience with those who have disobeyed, grumbled, rebelled etc.?

The commandment (1-5)

- 1] Its context (1a-2)

- a) teach you

cf teach you (5:31)

- b) in the land you possess

cf Land to possess (Gen 15:7f)

Obey the Lord that you might possess the land that He has given you.

- c) fear him

God commands us to fear Him

Teach your children to fear the Lord.

- d) all your household for succeeding generations

cf you, your son, your son's son (5:9,10)

- e) that your days may be long

cf Days may be long (5:16)

- 2] Its call (3) -

- a) obey them,

cf Be careful to do them – 'Lord, Lord but not do as I say' (Lk 6:46)

- b) multiply,

- c) enjoy the promised land – land flowing with milk and honey

cf Land flowing with milk and honey (Lev 20:24)

- 3] Its heart – Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. (4)

- a) Hear O Israel

- b) The Lord is one

cf Hear O Israel (5:1)

The Lord is the one and only God

- 4] The summary- **Love the Lord with everything you have (1a, 5)**

- a) Love the Lord your God

cf In this is love not that we loved God and gave His son to be the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:10)

God commands us to love Him (cf 5)

- b) Heart

- c) Soul

- d) Might

cf the great and the first commandment (cf Mt 22:37)

Love God with everything.

The implications (6-24)

1] Keep these words before you all at all times (6-9)

a) teach children

cf Teach them to your children (11:19)

Keep the commands of God always before you and your children.

b) talk of them - sit in your house, walk by the way, lie, rise

c) keep them physically before you

cf Bind them on your arms = 'phylacteries' (Mt 23:5)

2] Don't forget God's grace (10-12)

a) God brings into a land He swore to you

b) extravagant provision

God graciously gives us all things

NEVER forget God's grace to you.

c) out of slavery

cf How much more will the Lord not graciously give us all things (Rom 8:32)

3] Fear / serve God wholeheartedly (13)

Fear, serve and swear by the name of the Lord

4] Don't flirt with other god's remember

a) God is jealous

cf You shall not go after foreign god's (5:7)

The Lord is jealous.

b) God could totally destroy you (14,15)

5] Do what God tells you (16-19)

a) Don't disobey Him as you did in Massah

cf Rebellion at Massah (Ex 17:7; Heb 3:8,15)

The Lord will not be tested. Do not test the Lord

b) Diligently keep His commands. (17)

Diligently keep His commands.

c) Do what is right ... take possession of the land (18)

The Lord rewards obedience.

d)...the Lord (is) thrusting out your enemies before them(19)

The Lord thrusts out our enemies before us

6] Tell on going generations (20-24)

a) When your son asks you (20; Ex 13:14)

cf Impress it on your children (Acts 2:39; Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20f; 1 Tim 3:4f)

b) We - Pharaoh's slaves (21a)

c) HE brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand - signs and wonders (22)

d) HE brought us to the land he swore to our fathers. (23)

Nb "...swore to your offspring I will give this land' (Gen 24:7)

The Lord 'swears' ie He promises.

Give God ALL the glory for your salvation

e) HE commanded us (24)

1) do all statutes

2) fear the Lord for our good always

The goal (25)

1] Righteousness

Nb *not because of your righteousness for you are a stubborn people (9:6)*

2] Given to all who obey this commandment

Nb *righteousness by faith (Gen 15:6)... from first to last (Rmns 1:17)*

The Lord is our righteousness. (Jer 23:6; 33:16)

In (Christ) we become the righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21)

Jesus is our righteousness

Be careful to obey God in view of His gift of righteousness

MP *Love the Lord totally*

KV *You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, with all your soul and with all your might.*