

A FAMILY THAT HONORS THE LORD

DEUT 6:1-25

Text:

Introduction:

Deuteronomy is the farewell address of Moses to the children of Israel. In this address the Lord gives Moses some very important instructions to leave for these people to follow. These instructions are important for us as well so that we may have a family that honors the Lord.

1. RIGHT LIVING

Deuteronomy 6:1-3 (KJV)

¹ Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it: ² That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

A. Reverence – “fear the Lord”

We are to walk with awareness of His glory, His holiness and of His majesty.

B. Reaction

When we fear the Lord as we should, this will result in our obedience to the Word of God.

C. Reward

God promised that when they followed His Word, that He would bless them and reward their lives.

2. RIGHT LOVE

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (KJV)

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: ⁵ And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

A. Person – “one Lord”

B. Priority – “love the Lord”

C. Proportion – “all thine heart, all thy soul, all thy might. (Whole hearted Christians)

3. RIGHT LEARNING

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (KJV)

⁶ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸ And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine

eyes. ⁹ And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

We see the importance of the Word of God.

A. We are to store it.

Psalms 119:11 (KJV)

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

B. We are to share it.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 (KJV)

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1. Hand – actions
2. Forehead – thoughts
3. Post of thy house – private life
4. Gates – public life

These things make up our testimony.

Someone once said it much easier to build a child than to repair an adult.

I took a piece of modeling clay;
And idly molded it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.
I came again when days were past;
The piece of clay was hard at last.
The shape I gave it still it bore;
And I could change it nevermore.
I took a piece of living clay;
And gently formed it, day by day.
I molded it with power and art -
A young child's soft and yielding heart.
I came again when years were gone;
He was a man I looked upon.
He still that early impress bore;
And I could change him nevermore.