

KEEP THY SOUL DILIGENTLY

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-19

Text: Deuteronomy 4:9

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⁹ Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Introduction:

How do we keep our soul diligently? We see the answer in verses 1-8.

- Hearken unto the statutes
- Do them
- Add not or diminish from the Word of God

Why is God's Word so important if we are going to keep our soul diligently?

God's Word is:

1. POWERFUL

Deuteronomy 4:1

¹ Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

A. God's Word brings life

B. Secures an inheritance

2. PERFECT

Deuteronomy 4:2

² Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3. Precious

Deuteronomy 4:4-9

⁴ But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day. ⁵ Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. ⁶ Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. ⁷ For what nation *is there so* great, who *hath* God *so* nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that we call upon him for*? ⁸ And what nation *is there so* great, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? ⁹ Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which

thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

They are precious because they are:

A. Unfailing

Numbers 26:65

⁶⁵ For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

B. Enlightening

Psalms 19:7

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

C. Comforting

Deuteronomy 4:7

⁷ For what nation *is there* so great, who *hath* God *so* nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for*?

Psalms 145:18

¹⁸ The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

D. Enabling

Deuteronomy 4:8

⁸ And what nation *is there* so great, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

E. Enduring

Deuteronomy 4:9

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2 Timothy 1:5

⁵ When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.