Teach It to the Children of Israel

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They don't tell us what we have to say up here, which is a good blessing as such but there are some guidelines. I was told to make sure there was no heresy or anything like that. After I started my sermon—over again—I think I've got it down to under an hour and a half. Today's message won't jump around too terribly much. It's definitely not an admonition, just more discussing why things are the way they are. Something that our people have forgotten. Whether it be America, Britain, Germany—just around the world. All of us are children of God. Things get lost in translation. It's sad to think that we all, at one time or two times—at Adam's table and Noah's table—the whole world sat at the same table together and yet the world becomes full of violence and strife. Sometimes we have to wonder why. So today's message is going to be entitled:

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We'll be starting in Deuteronomy 31. When you look around at America—specifically I speak of that because I know it—but I'm sure Canada and all the other places in the world are in the same boat. You see the economy sometimes stalling, things cost more, we are in great debt up to our eyeballs. In fact, our school systems now are causing people to go into debt for their whole lives just to get that degree that isn't going to pay them enough. Especially if you are an underwater basket weaver. There's not much demand for such things. It really seems we have lost the blessings we once had. There's a reason why. If you feel helpless, that's fine because it's not in our hands. We have our own little piece of the pie but the greater scale on the scale of nations is in God's Hands, to bless and to humble. I'm reading my scriptures today out of the 2009 translation of the scriptures.

Deuteronomy 31:16 And the LORD said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

17) Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?'(NKJV)

If you will turn back a couple chapters to Deuteronomy 27:9. We see, as they are getting ready to go into the holy land, Moses is giving some final instructions to the priests and Levites and all of Israel.

Deuteronomy 27:9 Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, "Take heed and listen, O Israel: This day you have become the people of the LORD your God.

- 10) Therefore, you shall obey the voice of the LORD your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."
- 11) And Moses commanded the people on the same day, saying,
- 12) These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin;
- 13) and these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. (NKJV)

I don't think that was because there were bad people in Reuben and Dan. They've actually gone to this mountain where Joshua pronounced these blessings. A funny thing, God's design, if you're standing on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal and somebody is standing where Joshua built the altar half way up that mount, you can actually hear the people speaking without assistance on all those mountains. A great multitude of people.

Continuing in verse 14) ...

- 14) And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel:
- 15) Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' "And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'
- 16) Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 17) Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.' "And all the people shall say. 'Amen!'
- 18) Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.' "And all the people shall say. 'Amen!'
- 19) Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 20) Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!"
- 21) Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 22) Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 23) Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 24) Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 25) Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
- 26) Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!" '(NKJV)

Most of those things seem pretty reasonable and most of those things are actually being pushed as not being illegal or wrong in some places here around the world. I would

even say there are people who support every one of those things as being a fundamental human right. When the word established in the last one—those who establish the words of this Torah—in the <u>Strong's</u> it's #6965. I think it's pronounced *qum* and it's a primitive root and means "to rise", but also means "abide, accomplish, confirm, continue, decree, establish or re-establish, stir up, and strengthen". It's a call to action. Continue to Deuteronomy 28:1. Especially being the spring Holy Days, this is a good time to remember *the blessings* and *cursings*, especially in the state of the world, to understand why the things are the way they are. There are some people who are happy that we have new leadership in America. No matter where you stand on that, you have to ask yourself, compared to the book of Kings, you might have things you agree with. But do you think he's going to remove the sodomites from the land? Is he going to pull down the high places and the pagan temples? Things like that—these are things which keep us from being able to be blessed. That's just the tip of the iceberg.

Deuteronomy 28:1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

- 2) And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:
- 3) Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.
- 4) Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
- 5) Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- 6) Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.
- 7) The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.
- 8) The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- 9) "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.
- 10) Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.
- 11) And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.
- 12) The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

- 13) And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.
- 14) So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (NKJV)

God is always transparent and gives us the plain truth right out front—nothing sneaky—says there is another side to this.

Continuing in verse 15) ...

15) But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: (NKJV)

As I'm reading through these, stop and think about how any of these are on the news. Whether it be the storms and tornadoes, the weather patterns of fires, the crime, the violence, even right down to the collapsing of businesses.

- 16) Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.
- 17) "Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- 18) Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
- 19) Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.
- 20) The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me.
- 21) The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.
- 22) The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.
- 23) And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.
- 24) The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.
- 25) "The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth. (NKJV)

That one right there specifically reminds me of Vietnam, reminds me of the withdrawal from Afghanistan. Both happening in periods of licentiousness.

Continuing in verse 26) ...

- 26) Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away.
- 27) The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.
- 28) The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.
- 29) And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.
- 30) "You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes.

Specifically on building a house, I recently saw a story about an older guy—who they call a pensioner—went into the hospital and then into longterm care for an ailment and while he was there, some refugee moved into his house and squatted there and the courts ruled that it's his house now—he's been staying there. The guy, as soon as he got ownership, sold it for 1/2 million pounds. These are things that are happening for a reason. As God tells us plainly, it's not a surprise.

Continuing in verse 31) ...

31) Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them. (NKJV)

Most of the farmland in America is owned by Bill Gates, who I don't think is a friend to us, and also China, who I really don't find to be friendly towards us either.

Continuing in verse 32)...

- 32) Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand.
- 33) A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. 34) So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see. (NKJV)

I promise you, we are not even seeing half of it, yet if you look at Revelation. All of this is going to come upon all the nations.

Continuing in verse 35) ...

- 35) The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.
- 36) "The LORD will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone.
- 37) And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.
- 38) "You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it.
- 39) You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.
- 40) You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off.
- 41) You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity.
- 42) Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land.
- 43) "The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.
- 44) He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.
- 45) "Moreover, all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.
- 46) And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever. (NKJV)

It doesn't say "upon your seed until I take you to Babylon or Syria". It says "forever". That means all the way up to the last days.

Continuing in verse 47...

- 47) "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything,
- 48) therefore, you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.
- 49) The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, 50) a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.
- 51) And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.

- 52) "They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you.
- 53) You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.
- 54) The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind.
- 55) so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.
- 56) The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter,
- 57) her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. (NKJV)

If you recall, all of these things did happen to Israel. In Samaria under King Ahab when they went to him and said "We've eaten my kid and she hides her kid from me. I want justice." He tore his clothes and repented. I believe it was Ahab, I could be mistaken. Again, God warns us so we can't be shocked and we certainly can't blame God when these things happen to us.

Continuing in verse 58)

- 58) "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD.
- 59) then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses.
- 60) Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
- 61) Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.
- 62) You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.
- 63) And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.
- 64) "Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone. (NKJV)

You could add to that silicone and digital. Everyone is stuck to their computers and cell phones nowadays. The stuff that we own has really come to own us. There are stories I've read where people have been living in paradise and then civilizations come to save them and now, they are all in poverty because they can't afford the power to power all the devices which we've given them. When just 200 years ago these were considered paradises.

Continuing in verse 65) ...

- 65) And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.
- 66) Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.
- 67) In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it was evening! 'And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it was morning! 'because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.
- 68) "And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall never see it again. 'And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you." (NKJV)

The word for *buy* here can also be used, no one to redeem. If you will turn forward to Deuteronomy 31, God again speaking to Moses. This is often called the song of Moses but in reality, you could call it *The Song of God* because God is the one who tells Moses to write down the song.

Deuteronomy 31:18 And I will surely hide My face ... (NKJV)

Don't worry, this is not all doom and gloom, I'll get to the good part.

- 18 continued) ... in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.
- 19) "Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.
- 20) When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves ... (NKJV)

We are certainly fulfilling that part sometimes.

- 20 continued) ... and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.
- 21) Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today,

even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them." (NKJV)

Already God is testifying that they are squirrel-y. He wasn't lying, there's a man who went to Jericho and the one thing that they were told not to do, he immediately does. He tries to steal some of the wealth and causes the death of many for that. You don't test God. We'll see the song if you turn to Deuteronomy 32:1. The song called *The song of Moses* but commanded by the LORD.

Deuteronomy 32:1 Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth

- 2) Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.
- 3) For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God.
- 4) He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.
- 5) They have corrupted themselves; They are not His children ... (NKJV)

That calls to mind Hosea 1:9 when He calls them Lo-Amani, not My children.

- 5 continued) ... Because of their blemish: A perverse and crooked generation.
- 6) Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?
- 7) Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you:
- 8) When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel.
- 9) For the LORD's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.
- 10) "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. (NKJV)

You don't have to turn there but that's referring to when Jacob fled from his brother Esau, all by himself. With not a thing that he owned. Genesis 28, he went to a place that would be called Bethel. It says that he took the stones of that place and put them for his pillows and laid down in that place to sleep. That tells me there's probably no Inns there—no hotels, no restaurants—he was alone in the wilderness. God brought him back with not just one company but four great companies.

Continuing in verse 11) ...

- 11) As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,
- 12) So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him. (NKJV)

I don't advise you to, but if you ever want to know how protective an eagle is, try to snatch one of its young while it's in there—it's not going to end well for you.

Continuing in verse 13)

- 13) He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock; 14) Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, with fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.
- 15) But Jeshurun [a nickname for Israel and translates to the upright one] grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese! Then he forsook God who made him, And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation. (NKJV)

Look at all the blessings we have where obesity is one of the number one killers' in America. I'm not admonishing anybody, but that's how greatly we are blessed. We live in a time where you can have these abominable people come and read stories to children, no matter what they are, as long as the story is not from the Bible. We don't allow prayer in our courts. We don't allow prayer in our schools. We've tried to kick God out of our nation and then we wonder at the results of all this.

Continuing in verse 16) ...

- 16) They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.
- 17) They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.
- 18) Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you.
- 19) "And when the LORD saw it, He spurned them, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.
- 20) And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith.
- 21) They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.
- 22) For a fire is kindled in My anger, And shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, And set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
- 23) I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them.
- 24) They shall be wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, With the poison of serpents of the dust.
- 25) The sword shall destroy outside; There shall be terror within For the young man and virgin, The nursing child with the man of gray hairs.

- 26) I would have said, "I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,"
- 27) Had I not feared [which is not being afraid but if God knows exactly what the enemy would say] the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misunderstand, Lest they should say, "Our hand is high; And it is not the LORD who has done all this.' "
- 28) For they are a nation void of counsel, Nor is there any understanding in them.
- 29) Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would consider their latter end!
- 30) How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had surrendered them?
- 31) For their rock is not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves being judges. (NKJV)

What that means is, our God is not like their God, even our enemies know it. We've got a merciful God. We've got what the world would consider is a foolish God. Our Christ who tells us to turn the other cheek. Who was put on the cross and died a humiliating death. Now the followers of Zeus certainly don't understand that.

- 32) For their vine is of the vine of Sodom And of the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter.
- 33) Their wine is the poison of serpents, And the cruel venom of cobras.
- 34) Is this not laid up in store with Me, Sealed up among My treasures?
- 35) Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.
- 36) "For the LORD will judge His people And have compassion on His servants, When He sees that their power is gone, And there is no one remaining, bond or free.
- 37) He will say: Where are their gods, The rock in which they sought refuge?
- 38) Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, And be your refuge.

Again, this calls to mind for me, in Revelation, when all the men of the earth hide themselves in caves under the mountains and mountains to fall upon them to hide them from the face of the LORD.

- 39) Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. 40) For I raise My hand to heaven, And say, "As I live forever ... (NKJV)
- There's only one Being who lives forever. There's one who came close but he was dead for 3 days and 3 nights.

Continuing in verse 41) ...

41) If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me.

42) I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the heads of the leaders of the enemy.' "(NKJV)

That same verse, verse 42 from Young's Literal Translation of the Bible says:

42) I will make my arrows drunk with blood and my sword shall devour flesh and the blood of the slain and the captives, from the hairy head of the enemy. (YLT)

I have to wonder sometimes what that means. I could speculate. I like to do that in private.

Continuing in verse 43) ...

43) Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people." (NKJV)

God knows the end from the beginning. God will bring all of His people back to that place where He said you are not my people. He shall say you are My people.

Continuing in verse 44) ...

- 44) So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.
- 45) Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,
- 46) and he said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.
- 47) For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess." (NKJV)

This being my first sermon it's probably going to end a little bit shorter. I figure it's better to err on the side of caution rather than do an hour and a half one the first time. That's no promises for the future. Turn with me to Deuteronomy 30, one closing scripture.

Deuteronomy 30:1 Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

- 2) and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 3) that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.

4) If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. (NKJV)

That verse alone has made me consider if I would ever join a colony mission to Mars, I'd be fine. He could bring me back. Although I couldn't say that I would trust them not to just use it as a depopulation tool and send you into the sun. I could trust God no matter what happens, to bring me back from that distance.

Continuing in verse 5)...

- 5) Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.
- 6) And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.
- 7) Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.
- 8) And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today.
- 9) The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,
- 10) if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (NKJV)