



DEUTERONOMY

A CHALLENGE

TO A NEW GENERATION

God's Character Demonstrated in Relationships

When you open the Book of Deuteronomy, you meet an entire nation that is starting over again with the challenge of entering the promised land. After the action and narrative of Exodus and Numbers, we find the massive mob of Hebrews camped at the northern edge of the Sinai Wilderness. This new generation is once again poised to enter the land in which their parents had never set foot, though they had scouted it out 40 years earlier. The older, rebellious generation had made the mistake of not trusting God's power and promise at Kadesh-barnea. As they wandered around in the wilderness, their dreams died along with their bodies, leaving their bones to bleach beneath the desert sun.

God's leader, Moses, is now 120 years old, yet he still has the strength and vigor of a young man (Deut. 34:7). Before he places the mantle of leadership on his replacement, Joshua, he is inspired by the Holy Spirit to repeat many of the laws and commands of God to this new generation. Deuteronomy is his final message to this new generation as they prepare to claim God's promises. This Bible Study will identify ways God continues to call His people to be set apart and holy, reflecting His character.

Read Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Why does a Christian's bad behavior reflect poorly on God?

How does it make you feel to know you are God's representative on earth?



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Read Deuteronomy 22:1-4

Is God concerned with the way we treat animals?

Do you believe how a person treats animals is a reflection of how they treat people? Why or why not?

Read Deuteronomy 22:5-23:18

Why is our sexuality precious to God? Why does He care so much about our sexuality?

How can you protect yourself from sexual temptation?



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Read Deuteronomy 24:1-5

What is your understanding of what the Bible teaches about divorce?

How does God demonstrate forgiveness and grace, despite a divorce?

Read Deuteronomy 24:6–25:19

What does the value God places on families tell you about His nature?

How do you demonstrate the priority of family?