

God's Character Reflected

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 5:6-7

What do these verses tell you about God?

What did you learn about God's nature?

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Read Deuteronomy 5:8-11

Why are idols so appealing?

Can an idol capture the wonder, majesty, and eternal nature of God? Why or why not?

Read Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Why are we commanded to remember the Sabbath day?

How can we keep Sabbath day holy?

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Read Deuteronomy 5:16

How does honoring our parents honor God?

How can our honoring of our parents become a reflection of God's character trait of valuing others?

Read Deuteronomy 5:18

How would you define adultery?

Does the world view adultery as a big deal? Why or why not?

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