

# **Covenant Renewed**

## **Deuteronomy 29:1-29**

### *Study Guide*

God did not give the Mosaic Law at Mount Sinai with the intent that anyone at anytime could keep them and therefore be acceptable in the sight of God. The Mosaic Law was given to a people who had already been graciously chosen by Him. He gave them the Law as a means for them to know how to please Him in their chosen position and how they could experience the blessings of a life lived according to the will of God.

At Sinai, they had been given the covenant promises, and now, just before they enter the land, Moses renews this promise to the next generation of Israelites.

It was important for this next generation to commit themselves to the covenant in order to make the faith of their fathers real to them as well. Moses recommended that this type of covenant renewal be done every seven years (31:9-13).

The application of this passage is very clear. The message that Israel received at Mount Sinai, that this next generation received in Moab, and that you are to receive this week is the same. Obedience to the revealed will of God brings blessings. As we commit to following the leading of the Holy Spirit by obeying God's word, we can expect His blessing in our lives.

### **Day 1**

#### **Read Deuteronomy 29:1-29**

1. Why do you think that it was important for Moses to go back and review the covenant that was given at Mt. Sinai?

2. From this passage, write down four miraculous blessings that God had already done for Israel.

3. What would the Lord do to Israel and to the land if they failed to keep His covenant?

4. Many of the same themes are repeated over and over in the book of Deuteronomy. Based upon your answer to question one, how does this specifically relate to your study of the Bible? In other words, does it really profit you to read the same books and verses over and over? Why?

5. Related to the above question, should you ever share the gospel with someone who has already heard it? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Read 2 Peter 1:12. Thank God for always reminding that we cannot live apart from the truths that are in His Word. Thank God for giving the church gifts such as pastors and teachers who are faithful in preaching God's truth. Ask God to forgive you for the times that you have "tuned" someone out because you have already heard it. Commit to paying attention every time the Word is preached so that you can find something that will build you up, and that you can share with your friends.

## **Day 2**

### **Read Deuteronomy 29:1-9**

1. Moses makes reference again to the deliverance of Israel from Egypt and of God's providential care during the wilderness wanderings. He has already reminded them of these incidents two times before in this book (3:1-4; 8:2-4). Why do you think that Moses is reminding of them of this for the third time?

2. Israel had only seen the “facts” of their deliverance. These facts had not penetrated their hearts in such a way that they could grasp the significance of what God was doing for them. Verse 4 indicates that this was because the Lord had not given them this capacity to understand divine truth. Does this make God responsible for their unbelief? Look up some of the following verses and then explain your answer. (1 Cor. 2:14; Isa. 6:9-10; Matt. 13:14-15; Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; Matt. 7:7-8; James 1:5; 2 Chronicles 7:14).
  
3. God providentially cared for Israel in the wilderness by keeping their clothes from wear and tear. It is surprising that Moses would have to remind them of such a miraculous work of God. However, the Israelites, like us, tended to take God’s good gifts for granted. We often soon forget the everyday blessings which come to us by God’s divine foresight and providential will. No sooner than we forget God’s provision, anxiety and doubt creep in. Read Matthew 6:25-34 and write down five things that you will do to keep from forgetting God’s faithfulness.
  
4. Israel was deprived of the two most common resources of that day, bread and wine. What sustained them for forty years?

5. King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan were no match for Israel's God. Since there would be many battles ahead, it was important for Israel to remember this victory. Read Ephesians 6:12. What are some of the enemies that the Christian faces? What has God provided to insure victory?
  
6. Ask God's forgiveness for forgetting his divine provision for you in the past. Every time you worry about the future, confess it as sin and begin remembering God's power to provide.

### **Day 3**

#### **Read Deuteronomy 29:10-15**

1. Entering into a right relationship with God was open to all those who forsook themselves and placed their faith in Abraham's God. The blessings of God were for those individuals who had an inward devotion to Him. There was no special class of people which received more blessing and there was no lower class which was left out. Name the eight classes of people mentioned in these verses.



5. Praise God that His grace extends from the richest and most influential to the poorest and most insignificant. Glorify Him for His initiative in pursuing a relationship with you. Ask Him to help you live in such a way that manifests God's grace and desires to share it with those closest to us.

### **Day 4**

#### **Read Deuteronomy 29:16-28**

1. When Israel was in Egypt and when they passed through the other nations, what kind of things did they see?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does the man say in his heart who hears the curses of disobedience, but blesses himself?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. This man is called a "root bearing bitterness or wormwood." What does this mean?

4. It is ridiculous to think that a man who disobeys God could be blessed. Moses says that it is just as ridiculous as saying a drunken man is sober (v. 19). But how many times do we think that disobeying God will bring more pleasure than obeying God? This is equally as ridiculous, but it is what we are thinking every time we sin. Make a list of 4 sins that you are currently struggling with. Under each sin, write out the temporary pleasure or blessing associated with the sin. Then write out the long term affects and pain caused by it. Is your sin worth it?

5. Pray that God will help you to see the folly of sinning. Lusts are deceitful and never give the pleasure that they promise. Meditate on Psalm 16:11 and pursue ultimate pleasure which is found in God's presence.

**Psalm 16:11** "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

## **Day 5**

### **Read Deuteronomy 29:29**

1. What are the "secret things"? What does it mean that they "belong to God"?
2. What is the opposite of "secret things"? To whom do they belong?



3. God has revealed Himself to man both in creation and in the Bible. If God had only revealed Himself in creation, would it be possible for anyone to be able to enter into a right relationship with Him? Explain your answer and give scriptural support.
  
4. There are many questions that remain unanswered in the Bible. God's Word does not unlock the mysteries of the universe. But the Bible does contain everything needed to live a life that is pleasing to God.

Most High School Students are confused over what God wants them to do with their life. Is this how you feel? Instead of being so concerned with what God wants you to do in the future, ask yourself the following question: "What does God want me to do today?" If you live daily in obedience to the revealed will of God you can be confident that He will guide you in life.

Pray that God will help you to follow His revealed will and not to speculate about things that are secret. Ask God to give you the ability to obey what you do know and the faith to trust Him to work out those things which you do not know.