

Sunday School Lesson

October 1, 2023

The Heart of the Law

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; 16:18-20

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Questions for Us Today

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Do you believe the Ten Commandments apply to us today?

If so, why? If not, why not?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To strengthen our understanding of the messaging of Moses, from Our Lord God, to the Children of Israel – and, how all of this relates to us today.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Moses

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Moses

Moses initially was a reluctant spokesperson for the Lord. He complained that he was not a good speaker. Exodus 4:10. God had a powerful plan for his life nonetheless.

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Moses's life and accomplishments are briefly summarized in the Biblical Chapter often known as the "Hall of Faith:" Hebrews 11:23-29.

Points of Information – Moses

The first five Books of our Bible – known as the Pentateuch – are attributed to the hand of Moses. Jesus confirmed the writing of Moses in John 5:45-47.

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The importance of Moses in Scripture cannot be overstated. Moses is mentioned almost 800 times in the Bible. The final reference is in Revelation 15:3, where he is called “the servant of God” (KJV).

Points of Information – Moses

Moses experienced a theophany – an in person encounter with God – on more than one occasion. Exodus 33:11 shows the close relationship between God and Moses: “The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” (NKJV)

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Jesus was observed – by His three closest Disciples (Peter, James and John) – talking with Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-3; Mark 9:2-4; Luke 9:28-30.

Points of Information – Moses

Moses lived for 120 years. Deuteronomy 34:7. His life can be divided into three periods of 40 years each:

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1. In Egypt, as one of favor and ultimately as a prince in the palace of Pharaoh.
2. In the Midian desert, as a shepherd.
3. In the wilderness, as the leader of the Children of Israel.

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Lesson Context - 1

In the earlier Chapters of Deuteronomy, Moses lectured the Children of Israel as he reminded them of all that the Lord had done for them and all that God required of them in return.

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Lesson Context - 2

In Chapter 5, Moses repeats the Ten Commandments and uses them for more emphatic teaching of the Children of Israel.

In additional Chapters, Moses teaches the people how to behave, how to worship, what not to do etc.

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Lesson Context - 3

Beginning in Chapter 16, Moses instructs the people on when and how to celebrate primary festivals for the Lord.

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Also in the Verses for today's lesson, more specific information is given for administrative positions.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Let Your Love Show

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NLT)

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases Him, and love Him and serve Him with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 10:13-14

And you must always obey the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.

“Look, the highest heavens and the earth and everything in it all belong to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 10:15-16

Yet the LORD chose your ancestors as the objects of His love. And He chose you, their descendants, above all other nations, as is evident today.

Therefore, change your hearts and stop being stubborn.

Deuteronomy 10:17

“For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing.

So you, too, must show love to foreigners, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:20-21

You must fear the LORD your God and worship Him and cling to Him. Your oaths must be in His Name alone.

He alone is your God, the only One Who is worthy of your praise, the One Who has done these mighty miracles that you have seen with your own eyes.

Deuteronomy 10:22

When your ancestors went down into Egypt, there were only seventy of them. But now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky!

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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Deuteronomy 16:18-20

God's Administrators

Deuteronomy 16:18

“Appoint judges and officials for yourselves from each of your tribes in all the towns the LORD your God is giving you. They must judge the people fairly.

Deuteronomy 16:19-20

You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the godly.

Let true justice prevail, so you may live and occupy the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Remember these things:

As with the Children of Israel, we can all use a reminder of God's love for us and our obligation to love Him and obey what He has directed us to do.

Then, we are to use those reminders for living our lives.

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