

## REQUIREMENTS, REWARDS, RESPONSES

### **Deuteronomy 10:11-22, 11:1-9**

Moses is coming down from the mountain after receiving the Ten Commandments from God, and he had placed them in the Ark of the Covenant. He had been with the Lord for forty days on the mountain, and now it is time to start the journey to possess the Promised Land.

<sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to me, 'Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.' <sup>12</sup>"Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup>Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

<sup>15</sup>Yet on your fathers did the Lord set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, *even* you above all peoples, as *it is* this day. <sup>16</sup>So circumcise your heart and stiffen your neck no longer. <sup>17</sup>For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe. <sup>18</sup>He executes justice for the orphan and the widow and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. <sup>21</sup>He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup>Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons *in all*, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven. **Deuteronomy 10:11-22 NASB**

- God's requirements (v11-13)
  - The reverent fear of the Lord (reverence, respect, honor).
  - Walk in His ways.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Micah**

**6:8 NASB**

- Love Him always with all your heart and soul.
  - Passion
  - Purpose
  - Perseverance
- For your own good. (**v13**)

<sup>7</sup>“The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of

**Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:7-8 NASB**

- Recognize that He is the Lord and He has chosen you. (**v14-15**)

<sup>22</sup>For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. <sup>23</sup>But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.’ <sup>24</sup>Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. **Jeremiah 7:22-24 NASB**

- He wants real relationships, not just religious practices.
- He chose His people by an act of covenantal love.
- He sets His affection on us to love us...He will renew His choice of you, and you can experience Him setting His affection on you...
- His affection, His Lordship, His purposes and His inclusion of us in His kingdom and family...amazing rewards!
- Our response. (**v16-22**)
  - Circumcise your heart and mind.

- Don't let the difficulties of:
  - Religious disappointment
  - Relational disaster
  - Ritualistic traditions
  - Rigorous mis-training
  - Unrighteous indulgence, keep you from walking in covenant with God.

<sup>28</sup>For he is not a [real] Jew who is only one outwardly *and* publicly, nor is [true] circumcision something external and physical. <sup>29</sup>But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and [true] circumcision is of the heart, a spiritual and not a literal [matter]. His praise is not from men but from God. **Romans 2:28-29 AMPC**

<sup>3</sup>For we [Christians] are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit *and* by the Spirit of God and exult *and* glory *and* pride ourselves in Jesus Christ, and put no confidence *or* dependence [on what we are] in the flesh *and* on outward privileges *and* physical advantages *and* external appearances— **Philippians 3:3 AMPC**

<sup>11</sup>In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts).

<sup>12</sup>[Thus you were circumcised when] you were buried with Him in [your] baptism, in which you were also raised with Him [to a new life] through [your] faith in the working of God [as displayed] when He raised Him up from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions,

<sup>14</sup>Having cancelled *and* blotted out *and* wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees *and* demands which was in force *and* stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside *and* cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross. <sup>15</sup>[God] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display *and* public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him *and* in it [the cross]. **Colossians 2:11-15 AMPC**

<sup>6</sup>For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith

activated *and* energized *and* expressed *and* working through love. **Galatians 5:6 AMPC**

- Love those we live around like God loves them...show your love to people. **(v17-19)**
  - Worship Him for all that You have already seen and experienced.

“You shall therefore love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments. <sup>2</sup>Know this day that I *am* not *speaking* with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of the LORD your God—His greatness, His mighty hand and His outstretched arm, <sup>3</sup>and His signs and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land; <sup>4</sup>and what He did to Egypt’s army, to its horses and its chariots, when He made the water of the Red Sea to engulf them while they were pursuing you, and the LORD completely destroyed them; <sup>5</sup>and what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place; <sup>6</sup>and what He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, among all Israel— <sup>7</sup>but your own eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which He did. <sup>8</sup>“You shall therefore keep every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may be strong and go in and possess the land into which you are about to cross to possess it; <sup>9</sup>so that you may prolong *your* days on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. **Deuteronomy 11:1-9 NASB**

- Moses recounts all of the blessings, miracles, and provisions that God has done for His people...things they have “seen with your own eyes.” **(v7)**
  - He now encourages the people to respond rightly to God so that even greater acts of God’s greatness and goodness can be theirs as they enter the land of promise.
  - The best was still yet to come, and He was stirring them up by way of reminder so that they would be expectant of God being God for them.