



DEUTERONOMY

A CHALLENGE TO A NEW GENERATION

GOD'S COVENANT RENEWED

BIG IDEA: The decisions we make will influence what others say of the Lord.

DATE: Sunday, July 26, 2026

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 29:1-21

OPENING QUESTION

Our lives are made up of a thousand small decisions that shape our trajectories. What are some life altering decisions you have made – for better or worse? How did it impact the direction of your life?

SETTING THE STAGE

Deuteronomy 29–30 records the final of Moses's three speeches. Today's study focuses on chapter 29, in which Moses begins a call to response. Israel must do something with all they have heard. His warning to them - and us - is sobering. The predictor of faithfulness, and consequently blessing, is not knowledge; it is obedience. Knowing God's commands does not guarantee that we will finish well.

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 29:1-21 (CSB)

These are the words of the covenant that the LORD commanded Moses to make with the Israelites in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant he had made with them at Horeb. ²Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen with your own eyes everything the LORD did in Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his officials, and to his entire land. ³You saw with your own eyes the great trials and those great signs and wonders. ⁴Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a mind to understand, eyes to see, or ears to hear. ⁵I led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes and the sandals on your feet did not wear out; ⁶you did not eat food or drink wine or beer—so that you might know that I am the LORD your God. ⁷When you reached this place, King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan came out against us in battle, but we defeated them. ⁸We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh. ⁹Therefore, observe the words of this covenant and follow them, so that you will succeed in everything you do.

¹⁰"All of you are standing today before the LORD your God—your leaders, tribes, elders, officials, all the men of Israel, ¹¹your dependents, your wives, and the resident aliens in your camps who cut your wood and draw your water— ¹²so that you may enter into the covenant of the LORD your God, which he is making with you today, so that you may enter into his oath ¹³and so that he may establish you today as his people and he may be your God as he promised you and as he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ¹⁴I am making this covenant and this oath not only with you, ¹⁵but also with those who

are standing here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who are not here today.

¹⁶ “Indeed, you know how we lived in the land of Egypt and passed through the nations where you traveled. ¹⁷ You saw their abhorrent images and idols made of wood, stone, silver, and gold, which were among them. ¹⁸ Be sure there is no man, woman, clan, or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations. Be sure there is no root among you bearing poisonous and bitter fruit. ¹⁹ When someone hears the words of this oath, he may consider himself exempt, thinking, ‘I will have peace even though I follow my own stubborn heart.’ This will lead to the destruction of the well-watered land as well as the dry land. ²⁰ The LORD will not be willing to forgive him. Instead, his anger and jealousy will burn against that person, and every curse written in this scroll will descend on him. The LORD will blot out his name under heaven, ²¹ and single him out for harm from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this book of the law.

DISCUSSION

SUSTAINED BY GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY

READ: Deuteronomy 29:1-8

- What things did the Lord do for Israel during Moses’ life?
- Despite all the things God did, how did Israel continue to respond?

SET APART FOR GOD’S SERVICE

READ: Deuteronomy 29:10-15

- With whom was this covenant made? Whom does it include?

ABANDONING THE COVENANT

READ: Deuteronomy 29:16-21

- Can you think of a time or scenario when you believed God’s Word and ways didn’t apply to you? What was the result?
- How have you seen the spiritual decisions of one person in your family affect the rest of the family?

God does not want us living in shame and regret. We can confess where we have strayed from His path, repent, and make a renewed commitment to follow Him.

RESPONSE

Spend some time in honest conversation with the Lord. Don’t rush, this could be a moment that marks a new way of thinking – and ultimately a new trajectory – for your life. What do you hope future generations will say about the Lord because of you? What story about God is your life telling? Is there anything in your life that needs to change in light of what you want your testimony to be? What choices will you make today to start moving in that direction?