

# The Bible Jesus Used

**A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament**

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# Deuteronomy at a Glance

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# God's Word: The Context for Relationship

## ❖ The Deuteronomic Pattern for Life:

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- ❖ **Deut. 6:1–2**. Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the rules that Yahweh your God commanded me to *teach* you to *do* in the land to which you are going over to possess it, <sup>2</sup>that you may *fear* Yahweh your God...*by keeping* all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and **that your days may be long**.
- ❖ **Deut. 6:24**. And Yahweh *commanded* us to *do* all these statutes to *fear* Yahweh our God, for our good always, **that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day**.

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- ❖ **Deut. 8:1**. The whole commandment that I *command* you today you shall be careful to *do*, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that Yahweh swore to give to your fathers.
- ❖ **Deut. 17:18–20**. And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.  
<sup>19</sup>And it shall be with him, and he shall *read* in it all the days of his life, that he may *learn to fear* Yahweh his God *by keeping* all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, <sup>20</sup>that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may *continue long in his kingdom*, he and his children, in Israel.

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- ❖ Deut. 32:46–47. *Take to heart* all the words by which I am *warning* you today, that you may *command* them to your children, that they may be careful to *do* all the words of this law. <sup>47</sup>**For it is no empty word for you, but your very life**, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. Cf. 30:19–20.
- ❖ Rom. 10:14, 17. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have **never heard**? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ... <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from **hearing**, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- ❖ Gal. 3:2. Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or **by hearing** with faith?
- ❖ 1 Pet. 1:23, 25. You have been born again... **through the living and abiding word of God....**  
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.



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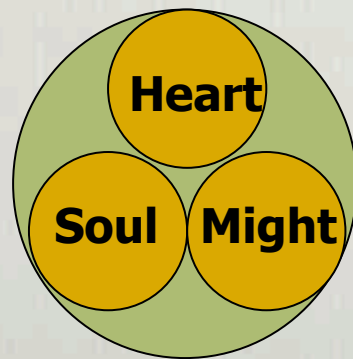
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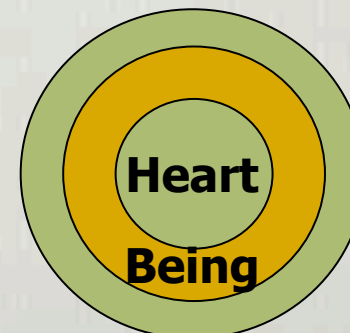
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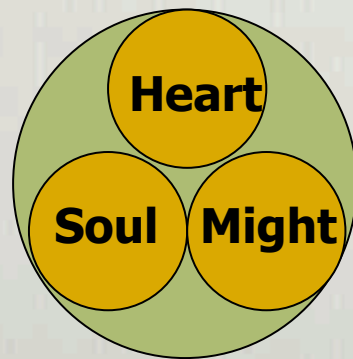


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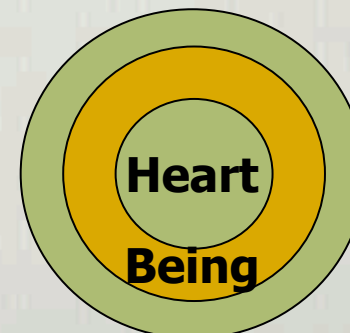
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- ❖ **Love was *what* Israel was to do; all the other commands clarify *how* Israel was to do it.**
- ❖ **Righteousness in community worship (12:1–16:17);**
- ❖ **Righteousness in community oversight (16:18–18:22);**
- ❖ **Righteousness in daily community life (19:1–26:15).**

# Missions: The Goal of Relationship

- ❖ **Deut. 4:5–8**. See, I have taught you statutes and rules.... <sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as Yahweh our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

- ❖ **Exod. 19:5–6**. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
  
- ❖ **Deut. 26:18–19**. And Yahweh has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, <sup>19</sup>and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to Yahweh your God, as he promised.

# Israel's Problem: Deafness

## ❖ Israel is stubborn, rebellious, & unbelieving.

- ❖ Deut. 9:6–7, 23–24. Know, therefore, that Yahweh your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a **stubborn** people. <sup>7</sup>Remember and do not forget how you provoked Yahweh your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been **rebellious** against Yahweh.... <sup>23</sup>And when Yahweh sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, ‘Go up and take possession of the land that I have given you, then you **rebelled** against the commandment of Yahweh your God and did **not believe** him or obey his voice. <sup>24</sup>You have been **rebellious** against Yahweh from the day that I knew you.



# Israel's Problem: They Are Spiritually Deaf

- ❖ God calls for them to hear but does not enable
  - ❖ Deut. 31:11–13. You shall **read** this law before all Israel in their **hearing**. Assemble the people... that they may **hear** and **learn to fear** Yahweh your God, and **be careful to do** all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may **hear** and **learn to fear** Yahweh, as long as you **live** in the land.
  - ❖ Deut. 29:4. But to this day Yahweh has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or **ears to hear**. (cf. Deut. 4:28; Ps. 115:1–8)

- ❖ Rom. 11:7–8. Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, <sup>8</sup>as it is written, “**God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.**”
- ❖ **The result can only be death.**
  - ❖ Deut. 31:16–17. Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them. <sup>17</sup>Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them.

❖ **Paul's Commentary:**

- ❖ **The Old Covenant bore “the ministry of death” and “the ministry of condemnation” (2 Cor. 3:7, 9).**
- ❖ **Gal. 3:12. The law is not of faith.**

# The New Covenant Hope

- ❖ John 6:44–45. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, “And they will all be **taught** by God.” Everyone who has **heard** and **learned** from the Father **comes** to me.

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# The Call to Love Expounded

- ❖ Deut. 4:1–4. And now, O Israel, *listen* to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and **do** them, **that you may live**, and go in and take possession of the land that Yahweh, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of Yahweh your God that I command you. <sup>3</sup>Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did at Baal-peor, for Yahweh your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. <sup>4</sup>But you who held fast to Yahweh your God are all **alive today**.

- ❖ Deut. 6:24–25. And Yahweh *commanded* us to *do* all these statues by *fearing* Yahweh our God, for our good always, **that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.** <sup>25</sup>And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before Yahweh our God, as he has commanded us.
- ❖ Deut. 8:1. The whole commandment that I *command* you today you shall be careful to *do*, **that you may live** and multiply, and go in and possess the land that Yahweh swore to give to your fathers.

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- ❖ Cf. Deut. 30:19–20.

# Paul's Commentary

- ❖ **The Nature and Purpose of the Law**
  - ❖ Gal. 3:12. The law is not of faith.
  - ❖ Rom. 3:20. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in [God's] sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
  - ❖ Rom. 5:20. Now the law came in to increase the trespass.



## ❖ The Role of the Commandment

- ❖ **Deut. 8:1**. The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live....
- ❖ **Rom. 7:10–12**. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

# The New Covenant Promise

- ❖ Deut. 30:6, 8. And Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that **you will love** Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **for the sake of your life....** <sup>8</sup>And you shall obey the voice of Yahweh and keep all his commandments that I command you today.
- ❖ Jer. 31:31, 33–34. I will make a new covenant.... <sup>33</sup>**I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, “Know Yahweh,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

❖ Ezek. 36:23, 27. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am Yahweh, declares the Lord Yahweh, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes....<sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and **cause you to walk in my statutes** and be careful to obey my rules.