DEUTERONOMY

The God Who Renews the Covenant

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The Context

4:5–8. See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 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." For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

The Plea: Love God with All

• <u>6:4–5</u>. Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one! And you shall love the LORD your God with all your <u>heart</u> and with all your <u>soul</u> and with all your <u>might</u>.



"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." —Matt 4:4

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The Problem: Israel's Hard Heartedness

♦ 9:6-7, 23-24

◆ 29:2–4 (cf. Rom 11:7–8)





Paul's Commentary

- While the law was holy (Rom 2:20; 7:12), the age of law was faithless (Gal 3:12).
- While the commandment promised life (Deut 8:1), it ultimately brought death (Rom 7:10).
- God's ultimate purpose for the law was to multiply transgression (Rom 3:20; 5:20) and condemn Israel (2 Cor 3:7, 9) in order to identify the need for Jesus (Rom 9:30–10:4; 2 Cor 3:14).

The Promise: Changed Hearts & Real Love

4:30–31

- ◆ 18:15–19 (cf. Matt 17:5)
- ◆ 30:6–14 (cf. Rom 2:28–29; 10:4–10)
- ◆ Jer 31:31–34

Ezek 36:26–27

The Promise: NT Fulfillment

Rom 5:18–19. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Rom 6:7, 22–23. For one who has died has been set free [i.e., justified] from sin....²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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✤ <u>NOTE</u>: Circumcision of the heart happens in relation to column 2.

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Rom 13:8. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled (*pleroō*) the law.

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The Law of God through the Lens of Christ



