

Deuteronomy

Lesson #24, Chapter 29

Seek the Lord's help and wisdom as you begin your lesson.

1. What things does Moses remind the congregation of in verses 2-3?

2. In spite of all they had experienced what was the spiritual status of the nation (verse 4)?

3. According to verse 4 what kept Israel from understanding the Lord's ways? What other factors contributed to their spiritual blindness? See Isaiah 6:9-10 with Matthew 13:14-15; Ezekiel 12:2; Mark 16:14.
 - a. What is the answer for spiritual blindness? See 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16; Hebrews 3:7-13; then take note of Hebrews 3:15; 4:3, 7.

4. What things did God do for Israel (verses 5-8)? For what purpose? See verses 6 and 9.

5. How would the events of verses 5-8 cause the people to know the Lord and to obey Him?

6. How have the events and workings of your life caused you to know the Lord and to obey Him? [If you cannot see the two-fold purpose (knowing and obeying God) at work in your life, then you may not know the Lord at all. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to see and ears to hear, and to give you a heart to know Him.]
7. Who stands before the Lord in verses 10-11? For what purpose (verses 12-13)?
8. In verses 10-18 the word *today* appears 6 times. Why does Moses emphasize that point?
9. Though the people mentioned in verses 10-11 were entering into the covenant relationship with God, who else did God intend to be included in that special relationship? See verses 15, 22.
10. How would including the people mentioned in verses 15 and 22 hold them to the covenant standards for righteousness and remove their ability to blame God for the consequences of sin they might experience?
11. How is a person who turns away to serve other gods described in verse 18?
12. How will the idolater respond when confronted with his sin (verse 19)?

13. Read Psalm 73:1-12 to see how someone like that poisonous root mentioned in verse 18 affected others. What do you learn?
 - a. Though they may think they have gotten away with their rebellion, what is the real story according to Psalm 73:17-20?

14. What awaits the person who rebels against the Lord (verses 20-21)?
 - a. What caveat is always behind these strong statements? See Deuteronomy 30:1-3; Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 55:6-7; 2 Corinthians 3:15-16.

15. What picture is painted for the people in verses 22-24?

16. What answer is given to the question, *Why has the Lord done thus to this land? Why this great outburst of anger?* See verses 25-28.

17. In verse 29 what do you learn about the *secret* things? What do you learn about the things *revealed*? What is Israel able to do with the revealed things?

18. Based on what you just observed about verse 29, what are the things that are revealed to Israel? How would that help Israel obey the Lord?

19. How would you summarize the contents of this chapter? What message does God want to communicate to His children?

20. The results of our obedience or disobedience will be observable to the coming generations. How is that a motivation for you to walk faithfully with the Lord?

21. We stand here *today*, just as accountable as the Israelites when they entered into the covenant with God. *Today*, we have the Word of God and His Spirit to aid us. *Today*, we have our Bibles and the preaching of the Word to keep us true to the Lord. How are you utilizing the resources God has given you *today*?