

## Deuteronomy Lesson #8, Chapter 5

Keep seeking the Lord for His help in understanding His Word.

1. Chapter 5 opens with Moses speaking to the people. Where are they? See 4:44-49.
2. What does Moses summon the people to do and why according to verse 1?
3. What happened at Horeb (Sinai) that made the observance of God's laws crucial (verses 2-3)?
4. What is unique about this generation that was not true of their forefathers, the patriarchs of Israel (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) according to verses 2-5 and 4:37?
5. God begins the 10 Commandments explaining why the nation was to follow His commandments. What reason is given in verse 6?
6. Remember that the covenant that Israel entered into with God was a 2-way covenant. It is different than the *unilateral* covenant, which was upheld by God alone, and made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The *bilateral* covenant Israel entered into with God ensured blessing for their obedience and punishment for their disobedience. Verses 6-21 contain the 10 Commandments, which are the foundational guidelines of the covenant between God and His people. List the 10 Commandments (even if you know them already. It's a good reminder of God's priorities for His people).

7. In verses 22-27 Moses recounts Israel's response at the giving of the 10 Commandments at Horeb. How did they respond to God?
  
8. Why did Israel believe they would die if they were to listen to God much longer (verses 24-26)? See also Exodus 33:18-20; then Genesis 16:13; 32:30; Exodus 3:6 to help explain why the Israelites thought this way.
  
9. How is the fear and reverence Israel had upon hearing God's voice a rebuke to the flippant way people today comment upon hearing God speak to them?
  
10. What plan did Israel come up with in verse 27?
  
11. What did God think of that plan according to verses 28-29?
  
12. What does verse 29 reveal about the desire of God's heart?

This is the true obedience, whether to God or man, when we look not so much to the letter of the law, as to the mind of the law-maker. –  
John Trapp

13. What was Moses' role in helping Israel to follow God (verse 31)?

14. Read verses 29, 32-33. What heart attitudes are necessary to Israel keeping God's commandments?
  
15. What do the following verses teach you about the importance of obeying God's Word? See Psalm 119:1-5; Luke 11:28; John 15:14; James 1:25.
  
16. It's important to recognize God is still the same God and He still desires the same response from His children. Is your obedience characterized by the heart attitudes that are listed here and identified as being pleasing to God?
  
17. Following God is described as walking in His way and not veering to the right or to the left, yet it is all too easy to find ourselves off the path of obedience and faithfulness. Is there any area in your life in which you have departed from the path of obedience? What plans do you have to get back on the path?