

Deuteronomy Lesson #9, Chapter 6

In preparation for this lesson, read chapter 6 all the way through.

1. In verses 1-2 who told Moses to teach? What is he to teach the people? What are to be the results of that teaching?

2. What appeal is made to Israel (verse 3)? What reason is given for the appeal in verse 3?

3. What do you notice about the correlation between hearing and doing from verse 3 and 12:28; Psalm 81:11; John 8:47; James 1:22-25? Write a summary statement about your finding that begins: *Those who really hear God...*

4. From verses 4-9 answer the following questions:
 - a. What is Israel to know about God?

 - b. How is Israel to love God?

 - c. Where are God's Words supposed to reside?

 - d. How was Israel to manifest the Word hidden in their heart?

5. Verses 4-9 are known as the “Shema” which means *hear*. Devout Jews would recite Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41 during their daily prayers. Read those passages and consider the attitudes and motivations that were to accompany their obedience. How would reading those verses *every day* be a reminder to you of the kind of heart and life you are to live before God?

6. What will the land be like for Israel when they enter in (verses 10-11)?

7. What does Moses urge the people to be cautious of in verses 10-12?

8. What is the command of verses 13-14?

9. What is it about eating and being satisfied that will make them forget about God? See 8:7-14; 11:13-16.

10. Have you ever seen that attitude of self-satisfaction manifested in your life? Based upon what you have learned from these verses, how can you keep yourself from growing proud and not remembering all that God has done for you?

11. Verse 16 says, *You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah*. Read Exodus 17:1-7 to see what happened at Massah and briefly recount those events here.

12. Now read Exodus 15:22-25; 16:1-4, 13. Then read Exodus 17:1-7 *again* in light of what God had already done for the people, not to mention the plagues in Egypt, the Exodus, and walking through the Red Sea on dry land. What does that help you to see about God's character and the faithlessness of the people?

13. What must the Israelites do to not put God to the test according to verses 17-19?

14. *Is the Lord with me or not?* Israel tested God's patience by wondering if He was even among them after all He had done for them. Have you ever thought, "God, are you here? Are you really with me in this time?" Is your response any different than Israel's? What right responses can you glean from verses 17-19 and Hebrews 3:7-4:2 to help you view your situation correctly?

15. What were the Israelite parents to tell their children when they began to wonder about all the commandments that God had given them to obey (verses 21-25)?

16. What principles can you derive from verses 20-25 that would aid you in passing on the truths of God to the next generation?

17. What are the intended results of faithful obedience to God's commands in verses 24-25?

18. As you have obeyed God and followed in His ways, how have you seen God work good in your life and build righteousness in you?