

is more important to our lives than the Word of God and practically nothing is more available if we will give ourselves to it. But, in the press of life, we often overlook the Word in the light of other pressures and we are the poorer for it. Our Deuteronomy studies are long and some will wonder at the time spent. We are not returning to the law as a means of having life but we are discussing principles that are used in the scope of our living with God. In that regard we now come to the blessings and cursings that come with the covenant God made with His people. We will not seek to apply them in our age or culture but note God's attitude towards His people and the justice with which He addressed them. In our portion today we need no further outlining of the material of Deuteronomy 27:11-26.

II. Discussion

27:11.....Moses continues a charge to the people and...

27:12.....has one group of witnesses on Mt. Gerizim to represent the blessings and...

27:13.....another group on Mt. Ebal to note the cursings. Note the make-up of these groups. (Moses)

27:14.....the Levites serve as announcers...

27:15.....and they roll out the nature of the curses..in particular curses are pronounced for...

-vs. 15--idolatry
- vs. 16--dishonoring father and mother
- vs. 17--invasion on family inheritance
- vs. 18--abuse of the blind
- vs. 19--those who pervert judgment
- vs. 20--those guilty of immorality
- vs. 24--those taking advantage of a neighbor
- vs. 25--a hired murderer
- vs. 26--those who deny the words of this law.

III. Conclusion

It is interesting to see how these provisions occurred with the giving of the law...how they reflect the tone of the total law. The Lord is reviewing the penalty for disobedience--a matter we can all recognize, but often do not take with sufficient interest. We fight the penalty phase and live at our own pace. Passages such as this call us to the reality factor of God's will and we should always realize that such a factor exists and compliance with the will of God is the only safe approach in living. Thanks for being with us today and may the Lord bless 'you richly by His Word.
