

- 19-21..that all treacherous thinkers will be outside the covenant
- 22-23..so that the following generation will know and act properly
- 24-....what has caused difficulty and be advised thereby.

29:25-28..the observations of the ungodly

29:29.....and for those who cannot understand...let them appreciate this truth..the secret things belong to God but what He has revealed belongs to all of us that we may do His will.

III. Discussion

In some ways this is a hypothetical chapter warning Israel of what will come if the lessons of the past are forgotten. Our churches could use some of that lesson today but history shows Israel (and then our own people) to be slow learners. We too easily repeat the mistakes of the past without even a twinge of conscience. So we will not be gloomy today but will prayerfully desire to live in the good of God's Word and the direction of His truth. May that be your intention today as well as the mind of God for us in this radio network.

Message # 50

Deuteronomy 30

THE CHALLENGE OF CHOICE

I. Introduction

Thank you for joining us today in our continuing lessons in the book of Deuteronomy. Our chapter for today, Deuteronomy 30, is one of great interest as it portrays Israel at a moral crossroads. God has shown them His will and given them the authority and power to act on it. Moses puts before the people then, the reality of choice and the recognition of responsibility that comes with it. Moses notes the faithfulness of God in holding up His end of the covenant and urges Israel to act accordingly. Our chapter has two main divisions:

- 30:1-10....God's willingness to receive and heal the penitent
- 11-20....the reality of responsible decision making

II. Discussion

30:1.....the verse assumes that Israel had fallen and put herself under the judgment of the covenant..in that place of trouble the nation recalls God's provision...