III. Conclusion:

This was a grim reminder of national failure and disappointment. But it stressed anew the fact that Israel's faith is based on God's law and love. They are a stiffnecked people but have a just and responsive God. That is their hope and it is the best they have going for them. We do not want to brood on the past but in it we see the material that keeps us humble and reassured in the providence of God. To understand His working and to remember Him and His ways..that is a good start for us on any progress/or activicty. And thanks very much for listening today.

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Lesson # 21   Deuteronomy 10:12-22

<div align="center">A SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE</div>

I. Introduction

Our sudies in Deuteronomy pick up today at chapter 10 and will cover verses 12-23. In our last study we had a long section while today's is less extensive. But, long or short, we are glad to have you with us ~~today~~ for this study and pray God's blessing on the Word in our lives. Some ask why a long study in Deuteronomy anyway? Well, it is the Word of God and we should study all of it but this book is the strongest of the Pentateuchal books in theological flavor and the most quoted of them in the New Testament. It is also somewhat overlooked in the circles where I am most familiar and I suppose this series is a feeble attempt at correcting that course. Following the introductory chapters 1-4, we are working on the second law, so to speak, the basic content of chapters 5-26 and this is divided so that chapters 5-11 give the basis for Israel's faith while 12-26 give expressions of that faith in practice. And now to the spiritual blessings of chapter 10.

II. Discussion

    10:12.....Here are the requirements of God for His people. You will find a later reference to this in Micah 6:8 but basically what God wants from His own is:

                    --a proper respect
                    an obedient attitude
                    a relationship of love
                    a service for Him alone

    10:13.....with an honoring of His word. "Isn't that what He wants?, asks Moses, "and isn't that intended for your good?"

    10:14.....The Lord is self-sufficient