

11:22-25..The promise of God is spelled out:

- vs. 22...."if" "cleave"
- vs. 23...."then" will drive out
- vs. 24....every place your foot treads
- vs. 25....no one will stand before you

11:26.....The option is stated simply: a blessing or a curse

11:27-28..The blessing or the curse "if"

11:29-30..The representative mountains: Gerizim: blessings----
Ebal: cursing

11:31-32..You will go over Jordan..and you will do what is
commanded. The first is a simple statement of fact
and the second a statement of intent.

III. Conclusion

God put before them a clear path and a clear choice: They would honor Him and He would honor them or they would dishonor Him and He would punish them. It was not a matter of what circumstances might control their lives or of a sudden turn in destiny that would deprive them of their heritage. It would be a simple option by the people who heard: love and obey; disregard and follow idols. One path led to blessing, the other to a curse and multiplied trials. The options were clear and no Israelite of the future could excuse self on the basis of ignorance nor of a lack of clarity about the Divine Will. There is a lot to be learned there and our minds need to grip it and live it as well. It is not a matter of legalism but one of spiritual integrity. Thanks for your fellowship today and may the Lord bless you richly as you obey and live for Him.

Message # 24

Deuteronomy 12:1-16

A PLACE OF WORSHIP

I. Introduction

Thank you for joining today in our continuing Deuteronomy study. We are moving into the part of the second law where Israel is given instructions for the practice of truth...the matter of living responsibly in the world of their time for the glory of God. The basis of their faith is noted in chapters 5-11 and that basis is the law and love of God. Now the thrust is to see how that faith operates and chapters 12-26 discuss that material to a considerable extent. In this passage ~~under our observation~~ the first item is the place of worship. We remember that the call of God was to love Him and to worship Him alone..so the designation of a worship center is basic to keeping a devotional attitude before God. These 16 verses discuss this point and we need no further outline for our study.