

28:13....The Lord will give you prominence

28:14....The charge, however, is one of obedience

III. Conclusion

Who would not want that? And remember, as God gave the law He knew they could not or would not keep it totally so He made provision for forgiveness and health if Israel would look to Him. It was not a hopeless covenant at all but it was restrictive on man's desire to be his own God and always have his own way. The price of the covenant was yieldedness to God and while the reasonability of it is obvious, the compliance was much less certain. The terms of God were generous..but Israel, in time, would want only her own terms. So thanks for listening today and we hope to have your ear for our next lesson as well. May God bless you richly today by His Word and the presence of His Spirit.

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**Lesson # 47**

Deuteronomy 28:15-47

ASPECTS OF CURSING

I. Introduction

Welcome to another Deuteronomy study...a study today not very pleasant in context as we look at the judgments God would use to chastise His people if they were willful and disobedient. It is pretty fierce reading and may seem overly harsh but it was God rewarding truth and punishing falsehood. God is just and his love and kindness are not subject for playing games. He is not a plaything that we can manipulate and His decrees are to be taken seriously. It is a solemn lesson and while we live in a different age, the pronouncement of the Book of Hebrews.."our God is a consuming fire" is still a point of reckoning for mankind. We are treating in general today a larger segment than usual and we divide it like this:

- 28:15-19....the state following disobedience
- 20-27....punitive acts of justice
- 28-37....reversals in activity
- 38-47....loss of respect and national status

We will treat these as blocks of data rather than on a verse by verse rendering. It is solemn stuff and just as everyone would want the blessing, no one would want the cursing...but...the condition was that of yieldedness to God and the natural man finds that objectionable.

II. Discussion

28:15.....the statement of purpose..all these curses will come on you if you do not hearken...