

[trek day 3] The God of Grace! [17may-23may]

READ Deut 16: 1-17

The Israelites are to remember what God has done for them in the past in order that they continue to trust in him for their future.

Why are the Israelites to keep the fast days? (v, 3b)

While we do not have the same requirement to observe these fast days what does seeking to live God's way help us be mindful of? (See Ephesians

Reflections or Questions I have:

Prayer: That through seeking to live Gods way we would be constantly reminded of Gods grace poured out for us in Jesus dying on the cross for our sins.

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READ Deut 16:18-17:20

Israel's laws and leaders reflect the character and priorities of God that the people might be lead to greater knowledge of, and love for him.

How do the following laws achieve this?

- Judges? (16:18-20)
- Sacrificial laws? (16:21-17:7)
- Law courts? (17:8-13)
- The King (17:14-21)

Reflections or Questions I have:

Prayer: Give thanks that God is a God of justice, mercy, and authority.

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READ Deut 18

Chapter 18 shows that the priests and prophets were God's provision for the care of the people?

There was always great expectation in Israel of the prophet Moses foretold in v's 18,19. (see John 1:21 ,25;) Who fulfills this role? (Acts 3;22,23; 7:37,52)

Reflections or Questions I have:

Prayer: Give thanks for Jesus being the fulfillment of this promise.

[ccec youth] purpose statement

We exist to **GLORIFY** God in everything as we: **GATHER** to hear His Word; **GROW** in godliness; **GIVE** in service of God & others; and share the **GOSPEL** of Jesus' death & resurrection.

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Meets at Erina High 7-9pm Friday nights
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Week FOUR - 17 May - 23 May.

TREK

journey into the bible



Bible reading notes for year 7-12

This is the forth week of notes... the full set will be out as soon.

[trek] introduction

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are for you to:

- t** - train you to live God's way
- r** - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus
- e** - encourage you to tell others about Jesus
- k** - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. Now that is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

[trek] instructions

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). This term these notes are for each day of the week, therefore you will need to pray that God would help you to make time EVERY day to read your Bible. If you miss a day, you can try and catch it up, but if need be just move onto the next day.

Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

- 1 - Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2 - Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3 - As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4 - Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5 - Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

NOTE: There is much more that can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.

When the people of Israel were rescued from their captivity in Egypt, God's promise was that they would inherit the land of Canaan, "the promised land". Unfortunately when they first came to this land they shrunk back in fear, doubting God's promise that the land would be theirs. For their disobedience they were consigned to 40 years wandering in the wilderness, until the generation of rebels had perished. Deuteronomy opens on the plains of Moab as the 40 years have come to their end. The people have returned to the outskirts of the land, chastened from their experience, prepared by God's grace to finally occupy the land. They have already made territorial gains on the east of the Jordan (land occupied by the tribes Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh), however, they are about to confront severe trials & temptations under the guidance of a new leader (Joshua) who is as yet untested.

In these closing months of his life, Moses whom God did not allow to enter the land, delivered to the people three sermons in which they were firstly reminded of God's mighty acts on their behalf. The covenant provides the driving force of Moses' message in the book of Deuteronomy. It is in the context of the covenant that Moses:

1. Firstly reminded Israel of God's faithfulness to them in the past
2. Exhorted them to faith and obedience
3. Warned them of the dangers of idolatry and apostasy, (turning away)
4. Foretold the punishment which would come their way if (when) they disobeyed this covenant, while at the same time promising blessings from God if the nation remained faithful to their commission.

The covenant is the basis for all the laws, responsibilities, rewards and punishments promised and its requirements are aptly summed up in Deut 6:5:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

DATE AND AUTHORSHIP

The best recent evidence confirms the traditional view that the author of Deuteronomy was Moses, who wrote during either the 12th or 15th centuries B.C. (depending on the dating of the Exodus). The book itself argues Mosaic authorship (Deut 31:9, 24) as does the N.T. (Matt 19:8; 1 Cor 9:9) although a later compiler is particularly suggested by Ch 34!

MESSAGE OF THE BOOK

The purpose given in 1:5 is to "expound this law". The speeches are addressed to a new generation who had not been present at Mt Sinai nor seen God's victory over the Egyptians. Moses therefore interprets the law for them and spells out the application to the new situation of life in the land.

Just as God had wrought a great deliverance and sustained them in the past, so he would continue in covenant faithfulness to them provided that the conditions

attaching to this covenant were honoured.

The importance of Deuteronomy for us is shown by the fact that the N.T. refers to it on over 80 occasions. It will teach us much about the God whom we know-His word, His promises, His character and His covenant. It will show us too, the greatness of the relationship with Him that Jesus has won for us. Enjoy your reading this term!

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[trek day 1]

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In Deuteronomy Chapters 12-18 we see Israel come into an agreement (treaty or covenant) with God about living his way as they take possession of the land he has won for them. This is the main part of the book. It contains mostly repeated laws the people are to live by that God handed down to the people in Exodus. There also a few changes some as the application of Gods law is going to be slightly different now that the people are moving into the land. Some of the laws foresee certain experiences the Israelites anticipate are going to face in the land. Although our experience today is very different from that of the Israelites on entering the promised land all those years ago the principals of this agreement between God and his people still applies to us today.

READ Deut 12:1-7

The way Israel relates to God is to be different from the way the other people around them worship their idols. They are to be different because god is the one and only God!

What are the Israelites to do with the sacred places built by the people living in the land before them? (v1-3)

How instead are the Israelites to relate to God? (v4-7).

What does this passage show us about what our attitude should be to things such as materialism that non-Christians put before relating to God?

Reflections or Questions I have:

Prayer: Ask God to help you not to get caught up in materialism but to serve him first.

[trek day 2]

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READ Deut 14:1-21

God's people are his special people they are to be "holy" which means to be set aside for a special purpose and therefore separate from the world around them.

How will these laws set out for the Israelites show then to be different from the people around them?

What do the laws here show about how God regards his people? (v2)

While we are no longer bound by these laws what things in our lives will show that we are different from the people around us who are not Christian?

Reflections or Questions I have:

Prayer: That God would help us to live his way and to be different from the people around us who are