

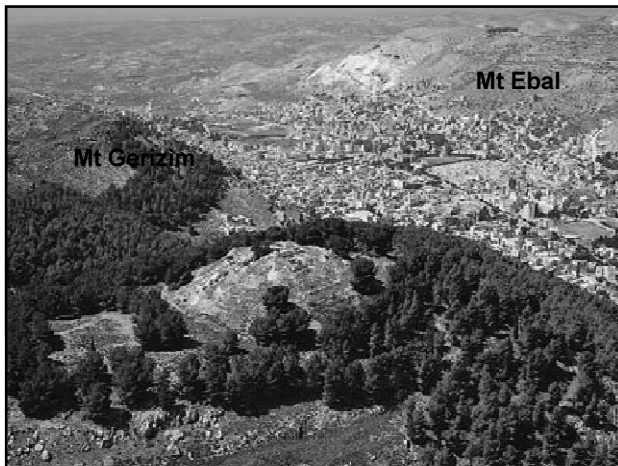
## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

### Covenant Blessings & Curses Deuteronomy 27-28

## Blessings & Curses

### Overview

1. Deut. 27: *Ceremony in the Land*
  - Blessings from Mt. Gerizim; the curses from Mt. Ebal
  - The people would say “amen” to the blessings and curses pronounced by the priests



## Blessings & Curses

### Overview

2. Deut. 28: *Specific Blessings and Curses*
  - A. Blessings (v1-14) – the prosperous enjoyment of the land (peace and abundance)
  - B. Curses (v15-68) – devastating destruction and removal from the land

## Blessings & Curses

### Principles

- *Common errors to avoid*
  - (1) To view “blessed/cursed” as relative qualities of life for God’s people
  - (2) To view the Mosaic Law as a covenant of works – merit God’s blessing

## Blessings & Curses

### Principles

1. The necessity of obedience in order to experience covenant blessing
  - obedience is not the meriting of blessing but the response to God’s love and grace
  - obedience is the demonstration of love for and faith in the Lord (*also in the New Covenant*)

## Blessings & Curses

### 1 John 2:3-5

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

The one who says, "I have come to know Him" and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

But whoever keeps His word, in Him the love of God has truly been perfected.

## Blessings & Curses

### Principles

2. Sin/disobedience results ultimately in misery under God's wrath

- these outward consequences illustrate the nature of God's wrath
- these temporal curses are harbingers of His eternal judgment

## Blessings & Curses

### Fulfillment in Christ

*"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE'"*

– Galatians 3:13

## Blessings & Curses

### Fulfillment in Christ

1. In His death, Christ bore the curse of the Law for us
2. Through faith in Christ, the curse of the Law is removed from us forever