

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Choose Life; Trust Christ
Deuteronomy 29-30

Deuteronomy

Moses' Exposition

- *Sermon 1* – historical prologue (Deut. 1-4)
- *Sermon 2* – covenant stipulations (Deut. 5-28)
- *Sermon 3* – call to renewal (Deut. 29-30)

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Overview

1. Preparation

- restatement of the covenant relationship they are entering ("today")
- warning against individual idolatry

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2. Prediction

- future judgment and removal from the land due to Israel's unfaithfulness to the covenant
- future restoration after judgment and exile – *"circumcise your heart"*

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3. Presentation

- affirmation that God's law is a gracious gift that is comprehensible and accessible
- exhortation to "choose life" by loving the Lord and obeying His commandments

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Principles

- (1) There are ultimately only two ways – one to life and one to death
- (2) God's revealed way is the only way to life
- (3) God's way to life is not obscure, but clearly revealed and comprehensible
- (4) We must choose God's way in order to live

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New Covenant Application

Christocentric View – the Law points beyond itself to fulfillment in Christ

Paul's use of Deuteronomy 30:11-14 in Romans 10:6-10

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➤ Romans 10:6-10

1. "Do not say in your heart" (Deut. 9:4)
 - warning against thinking that God's gift is the result of human effort

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2. The gift of the Law has now been transcended by the gift of Christ
 - God's ultimate gift is Christ – all God's work, no human effort

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3. Christ fulfills the requirements of the Law for us
 - Christ's righteousness is imputed to us by faith
 - the "word of the Law" is ultimately the "word of faith" in Christ

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4. Confession of and belief in Christ as Lord results in salvation
 - outward confession – Jesus is Yahweh
 - inward belief – Christ has triumphed

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Conclusion

Today, to "choose life" is to enter God's covenant through faith alone in Christ alone