

DEUTERONOMY 10 vs 1

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In the previous chapter, Moses reminds the people of God, of their utter unfitness... to receive from God these great favors; it is not for their sake... they are entering the land, but it is for God's honor that He will lead the way and displace those idolators who have squatted long enough on the land first promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

¹ At that time the LORD said to me, Cut two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood.

² And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke; put them in the ark.

³ So I made an ark of shittim wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having two tablets in my hand.

⁴ He wrote on the tablets as to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spoke to you on the mountain from the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them to me / the 10 commandments of God are found in Deuteronomy 5. We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses

⁵ Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I made; and there they are, as the LORD commanded me.

⁶ (The children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah: there Aaron died and was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his place.

⁷ From there, they journeyed to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of brooks of waters.

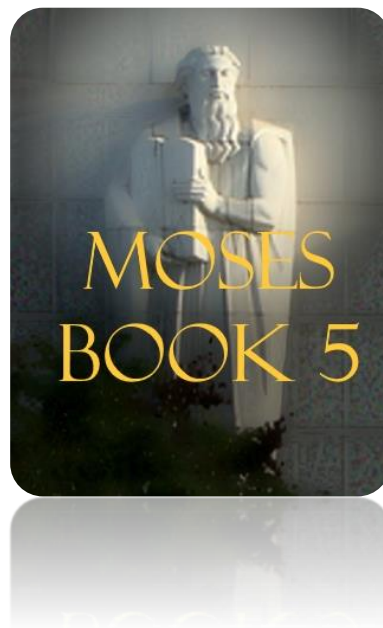
⁸ At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi, to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him, and to bless in His name, to this day.

⁹ Thus, Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised him).

¹⁰ I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, like the first time; and the LORD listened to me at that time also; the LORD would not destroy you.

¹¹ Then the LORD said to me,

Arise, proceed on your journey leading the people, that they may go and possess the land, which I pledged to their forefathers to give them.



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¹² And now, **Israel**, **what does the LORD your God require of you?**

And can't you hear all the complaints from the lazy, or shifty religious charlatans? Especially from those in some church, and they protest: these requirements are OT; which I guess is supposed to mean... they can be ignored. Says who? By the way, isn't the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... also OT? ...so is He to be ignored? And I thought, the Lord is my Shepherd... who leads me until I can say with David, His goodness, His mercies follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever: isn't that Old Testament? Do we want God to ignore that verse, too? To the romans, Paul said, we are the Israel of God... a spiritual Israel; a legitimate Israel; and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ isn't confused. So, let's hear Moses again:

And now, **Israel**, **what does the LORD your God require of you?**

Fear the LORD your God / fear is one of many great senses that God created in us; fear is good, it indicates a dreadful, horrifying danger is present. What does the Lord require? that's a very good place to start; God is powerful... and as Dr. Dallas Willard said: if His power is anything like electricity, then He is dangerous, and we better learn how to approach Him correctly. If anyone should be feared, let it be God; Isaiah said : make Him your fear, make Him your dread, and He will be your sanctuary -- **Isaiah 8**,

walk in all His ways / He walks in truth, Jesus said, **I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life** -- **John 14**; He walks with longsuffering toward His children; He walks in grace and peace toward all who love His appearing,

love Him / seek His benefit, check out His list of favorite things... and do them,

serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul / we are all going to serve somebody; we can become slaves to our families – often ruled by 3-year-old tyrants who never grew up; slaves to our friends – who find life shallow and everything a joke; slaves to our work – always trying, but rarely succeeding to impress the boss; and worse, slaves to ourselves – seen in hoarders and the obese feeding an insatiable ego, who seldom learn much about themselves; and never what fine dining is about,

¹³ and **keep the commandments of the LORD** . The Lord God's message has never changed, 5 action words: which of these 5 requirements... no longer reflects the child of God?

 **Fear the LORD your God,**

 **walk in all His ways,**

 **love Him,**

 **serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**

and keep the commandments of the LORD, and His statutes which I command you this day for your good.



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The instruction to erase all idolatry, and remove all images that seek to replace worship of the living God who speaks grace and peace to His people wherever they are; something a child can keep and do; and notice these 5 requirements, like rations or supplies, are easy to recall on one hand... are for our benefit.

14 Behold, to the LORD your God belong the heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth also, with all that is in it / all God's creation is called to give witness of these things, this day.

15 Surely the LORD set His delight on our forefathers to love them, He chose their descendants after them, even you above all nations, as it is this day / which means, He chose each of us, which is why we are reading this glorious good news.

16 So, circumcise your heart, and be no more stiff-necked / do not be hardheads or jackasses.

17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and LORD of lords / He is the Boss, and we are not, the great, the mighty, the awesome God, who shows no partiality; who won't be bribed / He's not a pushover, He can't be duped:

Moses says, this is what God our Father won't do; and next we learn what He will do...

18 He executes justice for the fatherless and widow, He loves the stranger... providing him food and clothes / He cares about the one who has no father; and He cares about the one who lost the love of their life; He cares about the foreigner in the strange land or even in a new locale, seeking their welfare; it's at the center of the definition of His love; [we see His love in action from day one, on page one](#); as He generously provides everything, very good and in abundance... that Adam would need.

19 So, love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt / Moses says, [we are to be about doing our Father's business](#), doing what He loves to do; doing what brings Him great joy and delight.

20 Fear the LORD your God, serve Him, cling to Him,

and pledge by His name / for a second time, **fear the Lord**, so it's important; when you see that word, when you see His name, stop in your tracks; and consider Him. Moses says, make the Lord your fear; we know God is powerful. Later, Solomon wrote: [the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom](#) – [Proverbs 1](#), so, we haven't begun to know and understand what life is really about, without starting there: **fear Him...**

21 He is your praise / He is our reason to boast, and we better learn how to approach Him the right way; and the best way is simple: learn His way of thinking and do what He said,

He is your God who has done these great and awesome things, which you saw with your own eyes.

22 Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you a multitude; as numerous as the stars of heaven / they exited perhaps 2,000,000 strong.