

Choose Life, Commit to Keep the Covenant

Deuteronomy 29-30

I. The Third and Final Sermon of Moses in Deuteronomy

- A. **1st Sermon:** Looked back at God's redeeming work (1-4)
- B. **2nd Sermon:** The covenant in detail (5-28)
- C. **3rd Sermon:** Brings those two together, calling for covenant commitment of the new generation (29-30)

II. Remember the Past for the Present (Deut. 29:1-9)

- A. The need to "see" (29:1-8)

- B. The application from this history lesson (29:9)

III. Today... Enter the Covenant (Deut. 29:10-15, cp 2 Cor. 6:1-2)

- A. Application: Every generation must commit to follow the Lord.

IV. All the Time ... Beware of Unfaithfulness to the Covenant (Deut. 29:16-28)

- A. Beware... idolatry, stubbornness
 - 1. Hebrews 12:15 *"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled"*
 - 2. Application
 - a. We must hear the warnings and persevere in trusting and following him...
 - b. We must practice church discipline when a person is stubbornly siding with their sin over the Lord.

- B. Judgment/curse promised for infidelity (19b-28).

- C. God has revealed truth about Himself and what He expects of us, and we are responsible for that knowledge (Deut. 29:29).

V. Future ... Failure, Repentance, Restoration (Deut. 30:1-10)

- A. When these things come upon you

- B. Return/repent, restore/again

C. New Covenant is key in this restoration (Deut. 30:6; cp. Ezk. 36, Jer. 31).

Ezekiel 36:23-27 And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

VI. Today ... Choose Life (Deut. 30:11-20)

A. The covenant – its commands, warnings, and blessings – are accessible (30:11-14)

B. They must commit to the covenant Lord (30:15-20)