

# The Book of Deuteronomy

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### Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

### Morning Study

This morning we continue our study of **Deuteronomy**, this time reading **chapters 13-26**. In this section of **Deuteronomy**, we see God describing in some detail what he requires of his people once they have entered the Promised Land.

#### Read chapter 13

- Why do you think God is so severe in his attitude toward those who would try “to turn you away from the Lord your God”?
- What do you believe is the key verse in **chapter 13**?

#### Read chapters 14-17

- What was the purpose of tithes as described in the Mosaic Law? (**14:28-29**).
- Why do you think God instituted the commandment requiring a cancellation of all debts every seven years (also called “the sabbatical year”)? (note **15:4**).
- What did God declare would be the result of Israel faithfully keeping all the commandments, but in particular the command of the seventh-year cancellation of all debts? (**15:6**).
- Read **Jeremiah 34:14-20**. What was one of the principal reasons Israel went into exile? (**15:1-6**).
- The prediction of **17:14** was fulfilled in **1 Samuel 8:4-5**. How was the prediction of **17:16-17** fulfilled in the life of Solomon? (**1 Kings 10:14-29; 11:1-13**).

#### Read chapters 18-26

- Both **Leviticus** and **Deuteronomy** contain numerous commands – all of which make up the Law of Moses. Yet the commands of **Deuteronomy** are different in style to the commands of **Leviticus**. What do you think is the main difference?
- Go through **chapters 14-26** and count how times this passage repeats the phrase “the land that the Lord your God is giving you” or a similar meaning.

# Memory Verse

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:9-10

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!