

Deuteronomy 11:10-32 The Appeal of Moses to the Older Generation Continued

Introduction: In our previous text Moses made an appeal to the older generation of Israelites to take the lead in remaining faithful to the Lord. In our text today he continues that appeal.

I. A contrast between the two lands of Egypt and Canaan V. 10-15

- A. The land of Egypt, from which they came, was watered by the Nile River.
 - 1. There was little or no rain in Egypt throughout the year.
 - 2. Water was there in the river, but it took a great deal of work on the part of the Egyptians to get the water to the crops and to the cattle and to the homes of the people.
- B. But Canaan was altogether different, V. 12.
 - 1. The lay of the land was even different.
 - 2. It consisted of hills (mountains) and valleys.
 - 3. It was well watered by rains.
 - 4. It was not necessary for man to supply the water by manual labor.
- C. This could be a real blessing.
 - 1. The people would not have to dig canals and ponds, turn the paddle wheels or carry the buckets.
 - 2. The Lord would do the work for them.
- D. On the other hand it would prove to be a problem for them if they displeased the Lord and He shuts off the rains.
- E. In either case, in Egypt or Canaan, the people were dependent on God to supply the water.
 - 1. Even the water of the Nile was supplied by the Lord.
 - 2. But in Canaan they would be a lot more aware of their dependence on the Lord.
- F. Moses called upon the people to be faithful to serve the Lord out of love, V. 13.
 - 1. He assured them that the Lord would send the rain in its due season if the people would be faithful to Him, V. 14.
 - 2. There would be plenty of grass for the cattle, V. 15.

II. But the people were to be diligent in serving the Lord V.16-25

- A. They were to make certain that their hearts would not be turned toward idol gods, V.16. (If they were to turn to idols, God will be angry and will withhold His rain and His blessings, V.17.)
- B. They were to be diligent in teaching the Word of God to the children, V. 18-19.
 - 1. Why?
 - 2. In order that the people will be able to stay in this good land which the Lord is about to give to them.
- C. If the people will keep the Lord's commands the Lord will drive out the mighty nations which indwell the land and give it to them, V. 22-25. (This implies that if they do not obey the Lord, He will not drive out those people and give the land to them.)

III. The two choices V. 26-32

- A. The Lord has set before the people two choices.
 - 1. They can choose to obey the Lord and be blessed.

2. Or they can choose to disobey the Lord and be cursed by the Lord withholding His blessings.
- B. Once they get into the land, they are to go to the valley between Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal.
 1. Then they were to have a much more complete list of the blessings which God promised for their obedience read to them from Mt. Gerizim.
 2. From Mt. Ebal a more complete list of the curses which they would receive for their disobedience read to them.
 3. The choice between the two would be up to them.

IV. The choices which people in our day have to make

- A. They have to choose between heaven or hell.
- B. They have to choose between the true gospel (salvation by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ) or a false gospel which is based on the works of man.
- C. They have to choose whether they will repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and be saved or go on like they are – unsaved.
- D. A saved person has to choose whether or not he will be baptized and join a church.
- E. One who seeks church membership has to choose whether or not he wants a church which will teach the word of God and teach him to live for God or whether he wants a church which will entertain him.
- F. Even in a good church, a Christian has to choose whether or not he wants to dedicate his life to God or whether he wants to live his life for material things. (And he has to choose between living godly or ungodly.)
- G. A Christian parent must choose between raising up their children in the Lord's will and way or not.

Conclusion:

If one chooses to do God's will, he will be blessed.

If one chooses to go against God's will, he will suffer the consequences.