

## Deuteronomy 6:1-15 An Explanation of The Law By Moses

Introduction: Back in chapter 5 Moses re-stated the 10 Commandments. In chapter 6 Moses begins an explanation of those 10 commandments.

### I. Introductory remarks by Moses V. 1-3

- A. Moses is about to give some explanations regarding the 10 commands that are intended to not only help them to better understand the commandments, but they are also intended to help them to obey the commandments, V.1.
  - 1. Understanding is essential to obedience, but understanding is not obedience.
  - 2. One cannot be expected to obey until he does understand.
  - 3. But one can understand and not obey; the people of Israel were not only to understand but they were to “do” the things which the Lord commanded.
- B. It was especially important to the Israelites at this time that they both understand and obey, V. 2-3.
  - 1. They were about to enter into Canaan’s land to possess it.
  - 2. Their well-being in the land depended on their obedience to the commandments. (The well-being of themselves and of their children and grand-children, etc..)
  - 3. Their continued possession of the land was dependent on their obedience to the commandments.
  - 4. Thus, the well-being of the future generations depended on their obedience.

### II. A beginning of Moses’ explanation of the first commandment.

- A. Moses re-stated the first commandment, V.4. (He had previously re-stated it in chapter 5:7.)
  - 1. Moses stated that there is but one God.
  - 2. At that time every nation in the world except Israel held to the idea that there are many gods and that, therefore, many gods should be worshiped.
  - 3. The first commandment required that the people of Israel have only one God – the real God – Jehovah God.
  - 4. Yet they were to worship Him.
- B. The chief motivation for keeping the commandments was to be their love for God, V. 5.
  - 1. Love for God does not come by obedience to Him. (It comes from recognizing the wondrous goodness of God.)
  - 2. Love for God does not come from the old depraved flesh nature. (It comes only from a born-again nature.)
  - 3. This was the chief purpose of the law. (It was never designed to save; but it was designed to lead men to salvation.)

### III. The importance of teaching the younger generation V. 6-9

- A. What Moses was doing at this time was teaching a younger generation about the law who were either very young when the law covenant was made or not born at that time.
- B. It was going to be important that each generation teach the younger generation.
- C. They were to use all manner of visual aids to help teach and to serve as reminders.

### IV. Remember the first commandment once they got into the promised land. V. 9-15.

- A. They would be enjoying the prosperity of the land and prosperity can sometimes cause one to feel less dependent on God and make it easier to drift away from the worship of God.
- B. They would still be surrounded by nations which worship other gods and who would try to entice them with their idol worship, V. 4-15.

Conclusion:

1. This passage teaches us the importance of believing in the existence of God.
2. It teaches the importance of believing in the existence of only one God.
3. It teaches the importance of believing in the existence of the true God.
4. It teaches the importance of getting to know God in repentance of sin and faith in Christ the Savior.
5. It teaches the importance of learning all that we can about God through the study of His word.
6. It teaches the importance of teaching the word of God to the younger generation. (If it was importance to teach the younger generation the law of God which cannot save, how much more important it is to teach the younger generation the gospel which can save!)
7. It teaches the importance of being grateful to God and loving God for His goodness to us.