

SESSION 23: DEUTERONOMY - FOUNDATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Principle of Obedience.

1. Goal of God is obedience to Him from a heart of love.
2. Corollary- Success or failure for Israel depends on their relationship with God.

B. Key to the Law.

1. Note the relationship aspect of the law.
 - a. Demanded both love...
 - b. Also demanded faith.
2. Note the goodness aspect of the law.
 - a. Demanded love for the neighbor
 - b. Also demanded faith. *Care for others limits my opportunity to care for myself.*

C. Key to the historical sections of the Old Testament.

1. The OT history is given from a prophetic viewpoint.
 - a. Samuel-Kings- prophetic warning
 - i. Gideon
 - ii. Aphek- Mizpah
 - iii. Saul's failure
2. Chronicles - prophetic encouragement.
 - a. 2 Chr. 7:13-14- "If I shut up the heavens....and my people ...seek my face... I will hear...forgiveheal their land."

D. Key to the prophetic message.

1. Written prophets are simply a particular application of Deut.

2. Essential Elements of the Prophetic Message:

- a. Past Experience- *Blessing*
 - i. Unique calling
 - ii. Continuous blessing.
- b. Present Experience- *Distress*
 - i. This is chastening to warn.
 - ii. Distress is from God.
- c. Present Condition before God- *Sin*
 - i. Particular sins
 - ii. Essentially - failure to love God.
- d. Present Need- *Repentance*
- e. Future Experience
 - i. If repentance- Restoration of fellowship and blessing
 - ii. If refusal- Greater chastening
- f. Continued refusal will eventually lead to *expulsion from the land*.
- g. Even if this takes place God will eventually restore the nation because of His own faithfulness to His covenant with Abraham.
 - i. New Covenant
 - ii. The Messiah
 - iii. Day of the Lord.