

Listen and Live Study Format:

Our regular weekly Bible study curriculum (September-March) is systematic and organized with specific questions regarding a section of scripture.

For this semester, we thought we'd give you an opportunity to *understand and reflect on the Biblical story without many additional prompts*. We hope that practicing these tools repeatedly will make them familiar, and that you will use them as you study other Old Testament narratives in the future.

When we get together each week, you'll have an opportunity to share your thoughts and reflections with other women at your table.

With this in mind, for each reading we will encourage you to:

1) Reflect on:

- **What this reading teaches you about God:** There is no difference in God's character between the New Testament and the Old Testament. Whatever you learn about the character and nature of God in the Old Testament narratives is still true of Him today, so write down what you learn about who He is and how He acts.
- **What this reading teaches you about people:** The Bible records God's purposes for people and also recounts their successes and failures. With the exception of Jesus, Biblical characters are all fallible, and you will see characteristics of yourself / your family members / your friends in their responses to God and to other people. Write down what you observe.
- **What this reading teaches you about sin and our need for a Savior.** The more we read about God's holiness and people's rebellion, the more we understand how and why we need Jesus to save us from our own sin and restore us to right relationship with God. Record what each section of scripture teaches you about the nature of sin and why we need a Savior.

2) Analyze: Practice thinking about some of the big picture pieces on your own.

- **Identifying the main point (s) of the passage.** After you read through the passage, identify what you think are the one or two big ideas that the author wants people to take away after they read this passage. Write down your thoughts, and then see if your ideas come up in the video teaching!
- **Think through how this section of scripture is referenced in other parts of the Bible.** In our Whole Bible Connections section each week, we lead you to other parts of scripture which illuminate themes or ideas which come up in the passage we are studying. This time, we'll give you

space to simply explore some of the cross references in your bible to see what you come up with. Look at Lesson #1 to see what we mean!

Week 1 LOOK

Deuteronomy 1

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 1, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1.What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Deuteronomy

The Command to Leave Horeb

1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite ^bSuph, between ^cParan and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. **2** It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to ^dKadesh-barnea. **3** In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them, **4** after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ^eOg the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in ^fEdrei. **5** Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying, **6** "The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain. **7** Turn and take your journey, and go to ^gthe hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in ^hthe Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and ⁱby the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. **8** See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your

fathers, ^mto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them."

Leaders Appointed

9 "At that time ⁿI said to you, 'I am not able to bear you by myself. **10** The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, ^oyou are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. **11** May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, ^pas he has promised you! **12** How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? **13** Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.¹⁴ And you answered me, 'The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.' **15** So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, ^qand set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. **16** And I charged your judges at that time, 'Hear the cases between your brothers, and ^rjudge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. **17** You shall not be

1:1-8 In Jewish (Hebrew) tradition Deuteronomy is called "Words." The name "Deuteronomy" comes from the later Greek title, meaning "second law," since the book contains a repeat of much that Moses revealed earlier in the Pentateuch. Deuteronomy opens with a reference to the "words that Moses spoke" (v. 1), the words "that the LORD had given him" (v. 3), and the words that "Moses undertook to explain" (v. 5). From the beginning, God graciously spoke redemptive words to fallen humanity (Gen. 3:15). Those words included God's promise to bless humanity through Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 12:1-3). Some 400 years later God fulfilled the word spoken to Abraham when Moses said, "Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers" (Deut. 1:8).

Some 1,400 years after that, God spoke the ultimate redemptive word "by his Son," who is "heir of all things," as the One who "upholds the universe by the word of his power" and has made "purification for sins" (Heb. 1:1-4).

Since God has spoken this ultimate word of redemptive grace "by his Son," let us "pay much closer attention to what we have heard," so that we do not neglect God's "great salvation" (Heb. 2:1-3).

Chapter 1

- 1^a** ch. 3:17 **b** [Num. 21:14]
c 1 Sam. 25:1
2^d ch. 2:14; 9:23; Num. 13:26;
32:8; 34:4
3^e [Num. 33:38]
4^f See Num. 21:21-32 **g** See
Num. 21:33-35 **h** ch. 3:1, 10;
Josh. 12:4; 13:12
5ⁱ ch. 29:1
6^j ch. 2:3; [Ex. 19:1; Num.
10:11]
7^k [Num. 13:29] **l** [See ver. 1
above] **m** Josh. 9:1
8^m Gen. 12:7; 13:14, 15; 15:18;
17:7, 8; 26:3, 4; 28:13, 14;
50:24
9ⁿ Num. 11:14; [Ex. 18:18]
10^o [ch. 10:22; 28:62]; See
Gen. 15:5
11^p [2 Sam. 24:3] **q** Gen. 12:2;
22:17; 26:3, 24
12^r [1 Kgs. 3:8, 9]
13^s [Ex. 18:21; Num. 11:16, 17]

15^f Ex. 18:25 **16^u** ch. 16:18; John 7:24 **17^v** ch. 16:19; Ex. 23:2, 3; Lev. 19:15; 2 Chr. 19:7; Prov. 24:23; 28:21; Mal. 2:9; James 2:1, 9

partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for "the judgment is God's. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it."¹⁸ And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land

¹⁹"Then we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrifying wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea. ²⁰And I said to you, 'You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us.' ²¹See, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has told you. ²²'Do not fear or be dismayed.' ²³Then all of you came near me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.'

²⁴The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe. ²⁵And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out. ²⁶And they took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, 'It is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us.'

²⁶"Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. ²⁷And you murmured in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.'²⁸Where

¹⁷^w 2 Chr. 19:6; [Ex. 21:6] ^x Ex. 18:22, 26

¹⁹^y ch. 8:15; 32:10; Jer. 2:6; [Num. 10:12] ^z See ver. 2

²¹^a ch. 31:8; Josh. 1:9

²³^b Num. 13:3

²⁴^c See Num. 13:22-27

²⁷^d Ps. 106:25; See Num. 14:1-4
e ch. 9:28 [Josh. 7:7]

²⁸^e Josh. 14:8 ^f ch. 9:1, 2;
See Num. 13:28-33 ^g See
Num. 13:22

³⁰^h ch. 3:22; Ex. 14:14, 25; Josh. 10:14, 42; 23:3, 10; [Neh. 4:20]

³¹ⁱ ch. 32:11, 12; Ex. 19:4; Isa. 46:3, 4; 63:9; Hos. 11:3

³²^j Ps. 106:24; Jude 5

³³^m See Ex. 13:21 ⁿ Num. 10:33 ³⁵ See ch. 2:15; Num. 14:20-30 ³⁶^p Num. 14:30; Josh. 14:9 ³⁷^q ch. 4:21; 32:51; 34:4; Num. 20:12; 27:13, 14; [Ps. 106:32]

³⁸^r ch. 31:3, 7; Ex. 24:13; [1 Sam. 16:22] ^s ch. 31:7, 23; Num. 27:18-20 ³⁹^t Num. 14:3, 31 ^u Isa. 7:15, 16 ⁴⁰^v ch. 2:1; Num. 14:25 ⁴¹^w Num. 14:40

are we going up?^g Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen 'the sons of the Anakim there.'" ²⁹ Then I said to you, 'Do not be in dread or afraid of them. ³⁰The LORD your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,³¹ and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.'³² Yet in spite of this word^h you did not believe the LORD your God,³³ who went before you in the wayⁱ to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.

The Penalty for Israel's Rebellion

³⁴"And the LORD heard your words and was angered, and he swore,³⁵ 'Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers,³⁶ except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land on which he has trodden, because he has wholly followed the LORD.'³⁷ Even with me^j the LORD was angry on your account and said, 'You also shall not go in there.'³⁸ Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter.^k Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.³⁹ And as for 'your little ones, who you said would become a prey, and your children, who today^l have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there. And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.⁴⁰ But as for you,^m turn, and journey into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.'

⁴¹"Then you answered me, "We have sinned

1:19-46 Israel knew that God was bringing them into a "good land" (v. 25), that God had graciously cared for them in the wilderness (v. 31), and that he had promised to fight for them against the Canaanites just as he had fought against the Egyptians (v. 30). Yet they did not respond to God's grace with faith (v. 32). Their unbelief led them to conclude that God hated them and was intent on destroying them (v. 27), and this resulted in their failure to enter the "good land" (v. 35).

But all was not lost. There was one, Caleb, who "wholly followed the LORD" (v. 36). See Num. 14:24 and Josh. 14:14). Had God's people believed God's word and followed this devoted leader, they would have inherited the promise. Here the Holy Spirit instructs us to know the testimony of God's grace recorded in his Word, to embrace that grace by faith, and to follow our devoted Leader into our eternal inheritance (Heb. 12:1-3).

Sermon Outline

Session #1: A Faithful God and His Unfaithful People Deuteronomy 1- Mary Wilson

Introduction:

1. God Gives Us Everything We Need To Trust Him (vs. 6-21)

- Then:

- 4 gifts God provided to take hold of His promises:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.

- Today:

2. When We Don't Trust God We Forfeit His Blessing (vs. 22-46)

- Israel hardened their hearts in 3 distinct stages:

- 1.

- 2.

- 3.

- Today:

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Week 2 LOOK

Deuteronomy 5-6:3

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 5-6:3, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1. What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Sermon Outline

Session #2: Defining The Relationship

Deuteronomy 5:1-6:3

Jackie Hill Perry

1. The Law of the LORD

2. The Fear of the LORD

3. The Mediator of the LORD (vs. 27)

4. The High Standard of the LORD

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Week 3 LOOK

Deuteronomy 6:4-25

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 6:4-25, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1. What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Sermon Outline

Session #3-The Greatest Commandment for Every Generation

Deuteronomy 6:4-25

Kristie Anyabwile

Main Idea:

- Exclusively love God by obeying Him and testifying of His faithfulness to the next generation.

1.Loving God exclusively (vs 4-9)

2.Obeying God entirely (vs. 10-19)

3.Testifying of God explicitly (vs.20-25)

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Week 4 LOOK

Deuteronomy 12

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 12, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1. What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Sermon Outline

Session #4:The Greatest Commandment in a Pluralistic Age

Deuteronomy 12:1-7

Don Carson

Introduction

1.

2.

3.

4.

1.Love for God entails obedience to God.

2.Love for God entails right worship of God. (vs 2-7)

3.Love for God entails the rejection of false worship. (vs 2-4)

4.Love for God entails a vision of worship as social transformation and joy among the LORD's people. (vs 10)

5.Love for God recognizes the priority of grace. (vs 7)

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Week 5 LOOK

Deuteronomy 15

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 15, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1. What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Sermon Outline

Session #5: Open Wide Your Hand

Deuteronomy 15:1-18

Jen Wilkin

This whole passage is speaking about poverty, the solution to poverty, and the role of God's people in it.

1.Cancelling debt after 7 years...(vs 1)

2.Heart and hand go together (vs. 7)

3.Selling yourself (vs. 12)

4.Language Used

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Week 6 LOOK

Deuteronomy 18

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 18, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1. What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Sermon Outline

Session #6: A Prophet Like Me

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Kathleen Nielson

Moses has been God's voice for years, the lifeline of God's word. Now, as he closes his ministry, he encourages Israel that they will not be left alone...

1. Who?

2. What?

3. What's the point?

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Week 7 LOOK**Deuteronomy 29-30**

Part 1: Reflection. In Deuteronomy 29-30, what can we learn about...

God	People	Sin and our need for a Savior.

Part 2: Analyze.

1. What do you think is the main point (s) of this passage?

2. How is this scripture referenced in other parts of the Bible? Look up some of the cross references that you find in your bible and see what information you gain which could help you understand this passage. (See the following pages for an example of options to cross referencing)

Sermon Outline

Session #7: A Matter of Life and Death

Deuteronomy 29-30

John Piper

Introduction

God makes another covenant with Israel in Moab (in addition to the covenant @Horeb)

Covenant Stipulations:

Confusion regarding this covenant:

Amazing things are coming in ch.30

Climax is in vs. 11-14:

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