

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, 20-24

“The Bottom Line” (God Calls For Obedience)

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Aim's - - - Students Should Know That:

1. God gave His people guidelines for living in the “Promised Land” for their continued benefit; so by loving, listening and obeying God they would enjoy a long life and national existence (bottom line).
2. Each generation of Israelites taught the next to fear God and recognize Him as the one and only true God, and to love Him with their whole hearts, souls, and might.
3. Sunday school begins at home and the lessons are 7 days a week; and parents must teach their children what God has meant to His people, by keeping the memory alive of all the blessings that come from Him (for the Israelites, it was the Passover, release from slavery, survival in the wilderness, to the Promised Land, and all of God's blessings/provisions along the way).

Note: In today's world the spiritual message of prosperity has been maligned. Obedience to God and fearing the Lord resulted in God telling His people they would be prosperous. In this lesson the reference to prosperity "...points more to the blessings of being in a right relationship with the Father for all those who love Him with all their hearts...a good relationship...apparent in the daily lives of God's people."

Discussion Topics:

- What kind of world would this be without laws and rules?
- When and where was the first time you heard about God's love?
- Is today's prosperity-name it and claim it ministry biblical?
- How would you respond to someone who ask why do you read the bible or why to you go to church so much?

Biblical Journey:

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| I. Guidelines for Living in the Promised Land | Deuteronomy 6: 1-3 |
| II. Family Bible Study | Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 |
| III. This Is What You Tell Them | Deuteronomy 6: 20-24 |

Q & A

1. *“What were the Israelites instructed to do in the Promised Land?”*

2. *What was the first commandment the Israelites were given?*

3. *Where and when did God say parents should teach their children about loving Him and obeying His commands?*

4. *What did God promise the Israelites if they obeyed His commands?”*

5. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?

I learned that:

“In English, ‘heart’ is used metaphorically for the center of emotions. In contrast, Hebrew uses ‘heart’ as the center of emotions, reason, and intellect.” (We are to love God with everything we have-our heart, soul, and might)

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