

Study Guide on Deuteronomy

Part 1

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STUDY GUIDES FOR THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY have been prepared in three parts, twenty studies each. Although they are designed to be extremely helpful in your own personal studies in Deuteronomy, you will realize the greatest benefit if these can be used in direct connection with Dr. Gutzke's teaching on radio or on his home study tapes.

Dr. Gutzke's greatest desire as a teacher is that his students might become vigorous, active Christians. This, he has discovered, is best accomplished not by spoon feeding, but by encouraging others to dig for themselves. You will be blessed as you use these study guides . . . and in direct proportion to your own activity.

OPENING THE DOOR TO DEUTERONOMY (An Introduction)

I God's Purpose for you

What is salvation?

How does a person become a Christian?

II God's Plan for the Israelites

What were the three steps or stages in Israel's early life?

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What are the three steps or stages of the spiritual life?

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III God's Program in Deuteronomy

What real danger does every believer face in his Christian experience?

What is the major emphasis of Deuteronomy?

THE FACT OF FORMER FAILURE
(Deuteronomy 1:1-46)

I Missing God's Best

Why was the Book of Deuteronomy written?

Who spoke the three messages that the Book of Deuteronomy contains?

I Corinthians 10:1-12 warns us that it is possible to have a good _____ and a bad _____

Delivering the Israelites from Egypt was only part of God's purpose for His chosen people. What was the other part of God's purpose for them?

II Review of Former Failures

A. A Neglected Challenge (Deut. 1:1-33)

In Deuteronomy 1:6-8, what had God indicated He wanted the Israelites to do?

B. A Shut Door (Deut. 1:34-40)

What was the result of Israel's failure to go forward?

C. A Late Desire (Deut. 1:41-46)

What happened when the Israelites tried to enter Canaan in their own strength?

A NEW DAY, A NEW WAY
(Deuteronomy 2:1-23)

I Golden Opportunities

On what do tomorrow's opportunities depend?

II God's Guidance about Three Groups

What were the three groups of people whom the Israelites came across in their journeys?

What were the Israelites to do about these groups of people?

Why?

III Good Advice for Today

What should this teach us about our relations with other Christians?

Are we to fight Christians who differ from us?

GOD DECLARES WAR

(Deuteronomy 2:24 - 3:11)

I Different Dealings with Different Peoples

How can you tell against which things you are to wage war and with which you are to peacefully coexist?

Is the God of the Old Testament different from the God of the New Testament?

II Destruction of the Amorites

Why were the Amorites utterly destroyed?

SHARING IN GOD'S WORK
(Deuteronomy 3:12-29)

I Your Part in God's Plan

What are some of the aspects of salvation?

What responsibility do Christians, who have a good knowledge of the Bible, have for others?

II No Settling Down

What were the tribes of Reuben and Gad commanded to do?

Why?

III Joshua Challenged to Leadership

HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

(Deuteronomy 4:1-13)

I The Bible – Our Guidebook

What is the purpose of the Bible?

What is the dynamic of Christian living?

What is the direction of Christian living?

II Read It and Heed It

How is it possible for us to add to or take away from God's Word?

According to verse 6, what is the result of our heeding God's Word?

DON'T DWELL ON THE HUMAN ELEMENTS

(Deuteronomy 4:14-24)

I Drawing Nearer to the Lord

How does faith grow?

What does the Bible mean by "Believing in Jesus"?

II Seeing God, Not Man

What did the Israelites see on Mount Sinai?

What might happen if we dwell on the human elements?

HOW TO COME BACK TO GOD (Deuteronomy 4:25-49)

I Pointing Out Past Pitfalls

What had happened at Kadesh Barnea?

What may be wrong if we are constantly living in spiritual defeat?

II The Way to Return

After we do wrong, how can we find the way to return to God?

What does verse 29 tell us about the way to find God?

WHEN GOD REPEATED HIMSELF

(Deuteronomy 5:1-22)

I The Second Giving of the Law

What does the word Deuteronomy mean?

How long after the first giving of the law was the law given the second time?

Why was it given a second time?

II No Change

Though many things had changed in the previous 38 years, what was the same?

Why wasn't the law changed?

What four words from verse 22 indicate that God hadn't changed the Ten Commandments?

THE TEACHER HAS AUTHORITY
(Deuteronomy 5:23-33)

I Living Up to the Potential

Why did Moses spend so much time pointing out the pitfalls of the past generation?

What does the priesthood of all believers mean?

II The Authorized Teacher

Moses was the authorized teacher of the Israelites. What is our authorized teacher today?

What is one thing the Bible tells us to do?

THE WORD IN YOUR HEART AND HOUSE
(Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

I The Source of Faith

What must we hear before we develop faith?

Why isn't it enough to read the Bible through once?

II In Your Heart (vs. 1-6)

What does it mean to love the Lord with all thine heart, soul and might?

III In Your House (vs. 7-9)

What will you do if God's Word is important to you?

Who helps Christians understand God's Word?

WHEN PROSPERITY COMES

(Deuteronomy 6:10-25)

I Prosperity Danger (vs. 10-19)

What is the danger in victory and prosperity?

What should we constantly remember when we are successful?

Who deserves the credit for all our victories?

II Parental Diligence (vs. 20-25)

What are we supposed to tell our children?

NOTHING IN COMMON
(Deuteronomy 2:1-11)

I Repudiate the World (Deut. 7:1-5)

How much credit did the Apostle Paul give to his natural background for his personal relationship with God?

Why does blessing come to us?

II Chosen by God (Deut. 7:6-10)

Did God choose the Israelites as His people because of their might or their number?

Why did He choose them?

TO WHOM DO YOU BELONG?

(Deuteronomy 7:12-26)

I The Christian and the World about Him (vs. 12-16)

Where does the Christian have his citizenship?

Why were God's dealings with the Canaanites so harsh?

II Victory over the World (vs. 17-24)

Gradual (v. 22)

Certain (vs. 23, 24)

III Drawing the Line (vs. 25, 26)

Why doesn't the Christian do the same things the worldly person does?

TEST YOUR MEMORY

(Deuteronomy 8:1-6)

I Obedience Equals Victory

Why are we uncertain when we look into the future?

How can we get courage to go ahead?

II Both Material and Spiritual Blessings

What is the meaning of the phrase, "Man does not live by bread alone"?

What good does it do to think about how God has blessed us in the past?

THANKSGIVING ALL THE TIME

(Deuteronomy 8:7-20)

I Peace and Plenty (vs. 7-13)

Why might the Israelites forget God?

II Peril in Prosperity (vs. 14-17)

Why should the Israelites praise God for things they had done themselves?

III Power to Get Wealth (vs. 18-20)

Is thanksgiving practical?

PEOPLE THAT ARE STIFF-NECKED

(Deuteronomy 9:1-6)

I Israel's Victory

Is it because you are good that God blesses you and answers your prayers?

II God's Viewpoint

Is prosperity a sign of righteousness and godliness?

III Man's Vanity

What does it mean to be stiff-necked?

MAKING GOD ANGRY
(Deuteronomy 9:7-21)

I God as a Judge

If God is a God of love, how can He punish anyone?

II Man as an Idolator

What did the Israelites do that provoked God to anger?

III Moses as an Intercessor

Who can we intercede for?

What was the result of Moses' intercession?

SIN AT KADESH BARNEA
(Deuteronomy 9:22-29)

I Sin and Saints

As we draw close to God, of what do we become more conscious?

II Sin and Salvation

What is one way to promote humility?

III Sin and Sincere Sorrow

Why did Moses remind the people of their sins?

What is the result of pride?

GOD'S GOOD THINGS
(Deuteronomy 10:1-22)

I The Way of Salvation

When does salvation begin?

What is sanctification?

What is glorification?

II The Way of Blessing

What were some of the ways that God would benefit the Israelites?

What did God want the Israelites to do?