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**Complete Devotion:** Several times the children are called to follow God with ALL their hearts and souls. God was not and is not looking for half-hearted followers. He expects His children to be entirely devoted to His will.

**The completeness of God's Word:** God's law does not need changing. It was not and is not to be tampered with. The Israelites were not to add to it or take away from it. They were not to change their worship unless directed by God. The Law was to be read publicly, and even the kings were to be utterly given to the word of God. Today, we must be just as attached and committed to God's Word if we wish to be successful.

### Questions

1. Why were the Ammonites and Moabites specifically excluded from be able to enter the assembly of the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If a slave/servant escaped from their master and came to another Israelite, were they supposed to return the slave/servant? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long was a man to be free from the army and public duty if he was newly married? \_\_\_\_\_
4. "Fathers shall not be put to death for their \_\_\_\_\_, nor shall children be put to death for their \_\_\_\_\_; a person shall be put to death for his own \_\_\_\_\_." (NKJV)
5. Why was Amalek to be destroyed? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does it mean to be God's special people (26:16-19)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What two mountains were the nation to travel to in order to read the blessings and curses? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If the people incurred the curses of God, what would they need to do for the Lord to restore their fortunes and have mercy on them? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Deuteronomy 23-34

### Life and Death

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#### Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday: Deut. 23-26

Tuesday: Deut. 27-28

Wednesday: Deut. 29-30

Thursday: Deut. 31-32

Friday: Deut. 33-34



For all the chapters in Deuteronomy, the crux of following God comes down to one choice: the choice of life or death. To listen to God's law and keep it is to choose goodness and life. To reject and disobey is to choose evil and death. Today, we face the same choice. We can choose to obey God and inherit eternal life, or we can choose sin which leads to everlasting punishment. In Deuteronomy 30, Moses laid this choice before the Israelites. Moses even teaches what it means to choose life. To choose life one must:

**Love the Lord:** God must come first in all things. Loving the Lord is not just a sentiment, it is an expression of our entire being. In Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Moses had commanded Israel to love the Lord, "...with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Jesus echoed this command in His own teaching. Choosing life begins with loving God with all we have and are.

**Obey His Voice:** To choose life we must choose to obey. God has made His will known, and man must submit to it. As Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep my commandments!" (John 14:15)

**Cling to Him:** To choose life, we must trust in the Lord entirely. We trust His Word and His way. It is not in man to direct his steps, thus man must rely on God's Word to walk the pathway of life!

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