

God Delivers



DailyLife
Five Oaks Church

Week 10: March 4–10, 2017

Day 1

March 6



Pray / Give thanks to God for his Word, the Bible.

GOD WANTS US to choose to accept Jesus as our personal Savior and to have a personal relationship with him. God was communicating this message to us through his chosen nation, Israel, long before Jesus walked the earth.

The ancient Israelites were commanded to follow the Law of Moses. It seems like the Israelites were constantly being bombarded with rules, laws, and regulations during this point in history. In today's passage, an important aspect of being able to have a relationship with God is revealed, something greater than rules.



Read / Deuteronomy 10:12–17



Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.

Today's reading should make it very clear that God does not only want his people to be obedient, but he also wants them to love him! Notice how many times the words *heart* and *love* are used. What does this reveal about the type of relationship God wants to have with you?

God provided the Israelites with his law for their protection. What does that statement mean to you?

How might you explain the Christian faith to someone who might characterize it as legalistic, pointless, or joyless?

Day 2

March 7



Pray / Thank God for his grace and provisions.

IF YOU ARE PARENT, think of the times when you may have had to remind your children of what you provide for them or have had to remind them of why there are rules. This can apply to almost any relationship. If you have, for example, coworkers, classmates, or friends, there may be times when you have felt the need to remind them in some way of your value to them. In any case, it is not to be a braggadocio but to provide the other person with proper perspective. There are several occasions documented throughout the Old Testament of God's reminding his people what he has done for them.



Read / Deuteronomy 10:17–22



Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.

There are many occasions throughout the Bible where God's accomplishments and provisions are listed. God is not bragging; he is conveying a message to his people. Why do we need God to remind us of what he has done and continues to do for us?

What effect does understanding God's commandments have on our desire and gratitude for his grace?

If there is anyone in your life that may be disillusioned in their faith, how might you use today's passages to help them reflect on God's perfection?

Day 3

March 8



Pray / For God's grace to shine in your life.

GOOD DEEDS, OBEDIENCE to the law, good works, and religious traditions are often thought of as ways to earn salvation. Most of the Israelites during this time probably could recite the Law of Moses by memory.

Only God is capable of perfection. Many of today's Christians might find it difficult not to sin many times in a day. The law requires perfection and a sinless life.



Read / Deuteronomy 11:1



Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.

Pay specific attention to the strict, impossible language used in today's verse. The last word used is "always." What does this indicate to you about God's expectations of his people in regards to the law?

How might you explain today's verse to someone who does not have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

With today's verse in mind, what are some of the most difficult aspects of the Christian faith for you to understand?

Day 4

March 9



Pray / Pray for God's blessings.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE infinite and eternal. Think of all the blessings God has provided for you here on earth. While great, they do not come anywhere near comparing to his eternal blessings.

God gives us a choice: a choice to receive his blessings or reject him and try things your own way. Things never turn out well apart from God.



Read / Deuteronomy 11:26–28



Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.

When faced with a difficult situation, tragedy, or conflict, do you rely on God's provisions more than that of others or your own? Why or why not?

Today's verses indicate those who follow other gods will be cursed. In modern society, "other gods" can mean anything that draws us from the one true God such as idolatry, love of possessions, and sin. What protections has God provided for you against "other gods?"

With today's verses in mind, what effect does Jesus Christ's sacrifice have on your world perspective?

Day 5

March 10



Pray / Praise God for his patience and plan of salvation.

WHAT DO THE laws of ancient Israelites have to do with Christianity today? This is probably a common question among small groups and churches.

Hopefully, today's reading can offer some perspective on the importance of the law. By now, it should be very clear that being able to follow the law as provided to the Israelites is unattainable. This is why Jesus Christ was God's plan from the beginning. This is why Jesus Christ continues to be God's plan for eternity.



Read / Galatians 3:24–29



Reflect / Spend some time reflecting on the following questions.

What would be the result if your salvation depended solely on your performance? Why?

If you do not yet have a relationship with Jesus Christ, read today's verses carefully and maybe try reading them out loud. What do these verses indicate to you about the type of relationship God wants you to have with his son, Jesus Christ?

In Christ, we are one, and we are all sons of God. Do you live this out as you encounter people from other cultures, classes, political views, and religious views?

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