

Study Guide for June 20th, 2004. Let God Lead Deut. 11:1-17. Obedience and Provision

Introduction: As a parent, how would you illustrate the importance of obedience to a young person you care about?

I. Love God and keep his commandments because God is a powerful Judge. (vs. 1-7)

- A. Note the different terms used to convey the idea of God's will for the people. What does this teach you about God's word and its relation to life?
- B. Consider the description of what God did to Egypt. What should we conclude about God from this historical recap?
- C. Review Numb. 16:1-35 for the account referred to in vs. 6. What should that incident teach about the character of God? (see also I Cor. 10:1-10)
- D. Three times Moses emphasizes the people's personal observation of these matters (vs. 2, 5, & 7). Why do you think that repetition was necessary?
- E. How should the reality of God's future judgment motivate you now?

II. Love God and keep his commandments because God sustains his creation. (vs. 8-12)

- A. What does God promise his people if they observe all his commands?
- B. Compare the land of Egypt with the Promised land. What should the people conclude about God from these different climatic arrangements?
- C. Meditate on the image of the **eyes of the Lord caring for the land**. If God cares for the land, how much more must he care for the people who inhabit the land? What scriptural images come to your mind? How does it affect you?

III. Love God and keep his commandments because God a gracious provider. (vs, 13-15)

What promise is given for obedience? How could we apply that promise today?

IV. Love God alone! He is jealous for your love. (vs. 16-17)

What warning is given for disobedience? How could we apply that warning today?

Conclusion: Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:9-11)

How can that link between love and obedience be strengthened in your life?